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Albany begins schools chief search

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The Albany Unified School District is working to find a new superintendent by the day superintendent Rudy Gatti and Assistant Superintendent John Mills plans to resign from their posts.

County and Pleasanton, has been a recruiter for 12 years.

During a presentation last week, Gatti said he will advertise the position in journals, put out about 500 brochures to give people more information about the job and recruit candidates from California and across the country who will be interviewed by school district officials and residents. Gatti also will negotiate a salary with the new superintendent after surveying what other area districts pay.

Most importantly, Gatti said he wants to know the qualities residents desire in the new superintendent. Public forums to get input on the search will be held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Gatti will also spend a few days next week in the city, speaking to school and city officials to get more information about the district.

Normally what people look

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IF YOU GO

What: Albany Unified School District public forums to discuss the search for a new superintendent.

When: 7:30 p.m., Monday and Thursday at the Cornell Elementary School multi-purpose room, 920 Talbot Ave.

■ 3:30-5 p.m., Tuesday at the adult education center, Room 10, 601 San Gabriel Ave.

For details, call 510-558-3766.

ELECTION 2002

Voters back school bonds

■ Measure D funds reconstruction, renovation of West Contra Costa middle and high schools, most of which were built in the 1950s and '60s.

By Kara Shire

STAFF WRITER

Voters this week overwhelmingly approved a \$300 million facilities bond for West Contra Costa schools, but don't expect construction crews to be kicking up dust anytime soon.

"The schools did not deteriorate overnight, and they're not going to (be fixed) overnight," said Glen Price, West Contra Costa school board member and Measure D campaign co-chair.

Still, school officials agreed that the \$150 million Measure M bond — passed in 2000 to fix elementary schools — has been a

MEASURE D

(177 of 177 precincts)

Yes 23,108 71.6%

No 9,146 28.4%

training ground of sorts, and they expect Measure D will take root faster.

By this time next year, school officials said West Contra Costa voters can expect to see a team of engineers busily scrutinizing the bones of the district's aging middle and high schools. A bond management team should be on hand, a community oversight committee long-since developed and, hopefully, architectural designs sent to the state for approval.

"That's the minimum we should expect," said George Harris III, school board member and

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Kensington voters OK revised spending limit

By Kate Darby Rauch

STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — Voters Tuesday heavily supported the current limit on how much of their tax money the Police Protection and Community Services District can spend.

Every four years, state law requires residents to set the tax limit.

The vote won't affect how much residents are taxed. It simply sets an annual spending ceiling on money already collected.

Voters were asked to approve a spending limit of \$2,111,675, which establishes last year's limit as the new baseline for future adjustments. The new limit will take effect July 1.

This is about \$500,000 higher than the district's budget, providing some buffer.

Current district expenses are about \$1.5 million.

The district, which provides police and recreational services, collects about \$1.4 million annually from a parcel tax. It earns a variable amount of additional grant money.

About 15 years ago, the state

MEASURE L

Yes 1,541 89.2%

No 187 10.8%

constitution was changed to require local governments to set voter-approved spending limits on collected taxes.

The state established a formula for setting these limits based on population and per capita income. The formula, which used the base year 1978-79, allows the limit to be adjusted annually to account for demographic changes.

The state also said local governments can increase their spending limits above the amount set in the formula if voters approve and that these increases would last four years.

A vote to increase the limit also changes the formula's base year to the first year the new limit takes effect.

Kensington voters first approved such an increase first in 1981 and have done so every four years since.



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

rests, the auditorium (above) of the 65-year-old cinema is largely in place. Details include etched glass (below). But the cost of needed upgrades cloud the future of the Cerrito Theater as work proceeds on readying adjacent buildings for leasing.

Cinema takes center stage on agenda

The city has leased the Cerrito Theater for 10 months as it studies plans for its preservation

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — About 80 residents attended a redevelopment meeting Monday in a room at the Cerrito Theater, with the city's anonymous city on hand and give it a sense of

history.

"What we hear most from people is yearning for a greater identity and a sense of place in El Cerrito," said Lori Dair, a member of the recently formed Friends of Cerrito Theater group. "Restoring the Cerrito Theater can go a long way toward filling that hole in the community."

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, agreed with residents, giving the go-ahead to sign a three-month lease agreement with Fara

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Kensington upgrading fire readiness

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — The Kensington Fire District is working on a \$1.5 million project that will of fire protection to homes on the hillside overlooking Tilden Park.

Construction crews are installing 13 new fire hydrants and thousands of feet of underground pipes to improve water flow. The project started in 2001 and is expected to be completed by 2004.

They're replacing pipes with larger pipes so more water can flow through it and adding hydrants.

drants," said Wendy Cheit, a board member of the Kensington Fire District.

Cheit said homes along the urban wildland interface — where the town meets Tilden — are in danger because of the vegetation in the park's canyon. The homes occupy an area similar to the one that helped spread the Oakland hills fire in 1991.

"What we're worried about is the fire starting in the valley of Tilden Park and racing up the sides of the canyon because of the underbrush and racing up toward the ridge and the ridge is where the houses start," Cheit said.

"If a fire came up the canyon it can wipe out the whole town just like it did in Oakland," she added.

The Kensington fire district is widening water pipes underground to give more water pressure, allowing more than one fire truck to use each hydrant. The district is also adding more than 13 new hydrants throughout the city.

El Cerrito and Kensington Fire Chief Mark Scott said the improvements will go a long way toward protecting homes in Kensington.

"It will definitely have a positive effect on the amount of fire that we're able to fight at the interface," said Scott. "Certainly one of the big problems in large wildland interface fires is the lack of water, and what we've tried to do with the water system improvements is ensure that all engines that come in on a first-alarm response are able to have enough water to fully support that engine company."

The East Bay Municipal Utility District is doing the work in four phases. In the first two phases, completed in 2001, 1,090 feet of 6-inch pipe was replaced by 12-inch pipe and 190 feet of 4-inch pipe was replaced by 8-inch pipe on B. I. Avenue, Los Altos Drive and Kenyon Avenue.

On Lake Drive, 110 feet of 6-inch pipe was replaced by 12-

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STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

PLAY BALL!

PLAYERS ON THE Bronco Division Twins — Byron Lichtenstein, Matt Young, Sam Berzon and Brian Mertens — hold their banner high as they march down Ashbury Avenue in the annual parade Saturday morning opening the El Cerrito Youth Baseball season. The procession culminated with a rally outside Cerrito Vista Park before the start of play.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Cafe Eclectica shows

Cafe Eclectica, 1309 Solano Ave. in Albany, hosts a pair of all ages shows this weekend. Tonight it's a punk show featuring three bands for \$3: Rocknroll Adventure Kids, Collapso and Primitivo. Tomorrow brings an "electrofunk" show featuring three more bands: CATFIVE, Volttronic Rocket Society and the Concerts. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the shows both nights are at 8 p.m. Admission on Saturday is \$3 with a high school ID or \$5 otherwise. Details: 510-527-2344.

Free kids golf clinic

Kids age 7-17 are invited to the free Nike Junior Golf Day clinic from 9-11 a.m. tomorrow at the Tilden Park Golf Course. No experience or equipment are necessary. Details or reservations: 510-848-7373, ext. 27.

'Alice' performances

Vector Theater Conservatory and "Montessori Family Show" present "Alice", starring Tobie Chan-Kalin and Michelle Kim and the Montessori Family After School Players in performances at 1 p.m. today and 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 at the Social Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road in Kensington. Suggested donation is \$5. Details: 510-528-5233

Go help a creek

Help a creek that has seen the light at Pointsett Park, from 9 a.m. to noon on

March 16, between Pointsett and Rosalind avenues. Five years ago, the Urban Creeks Council daylighted a section of Baxter Creek as it flows through Pointsett Park. The creek was daylighted, the banks were planted with native plants and it now offers habitat to birds, insects and frogs. See a successfully restored creek in El Cerrito, and tend to the willows and other plants installed five years ago. No special skills required. Gloves, snacks and water will be provided. Work will happen rain or shine. Details: 510-231-5778 or apple@aoinstitute.org.

ECDC meeting

The public is invited to attend the upcoming meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. in El Cerrito. It follows the general business meeting of the Club at 7:30 p.m. There will be a discussion of the ECDC's issues agenda for the upcoming year and scheduling of endorsements for city council, school board, and the November general election. Details: Joe Franzese, 510-524-4659.

Home composting

Learn to recycle yard and vegetable trimmings in your own backyard — and never have to buy fertilizer again — at a workshop on home composting at March 16, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Clubhouse, 1120 Arlington Blvd., El Cerrito. To sign up call 510-215-3021

At Gathering Tribes

Susan Lobo, author of "American Indians and the Urban Experience" will be at Gathering Tribes at 1573 Solano Ave., Berkeley on Friday, March 15, from 6:30-8 p.m., along with book contributors Larry Rodriguez, Sr., Mike Rodriguez and Victoria Bomberry. Lobo will also be at Gathering Tribes on Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of her book.

Inter-district transfers

The Albany Unified School District is accepting inter-district transfer applications for the current year. There are openings at some (but not all) grade levels; there are wait-lists for some high school and middle school grades, but new applicants can join the wait lists. Students must have and maintain a C average and good disciplinary record. Details: 510-558-3765.

Summer camps

A free summer camp fair will be held on Sunday, March 17, from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive in Oakland. At the Summer Resources Fair families can learn about summer camp options for parents and children. Get information about day and residents camps, specialty camps and family camps. For more information, call Babs Wardwell, 510-525-6312. For a free directory of Northern California camps accredited by the American Camping Association call 800-362-2236 or check online at www.acacamps.org.

POLICE REPORTS

Man arrested for revealing too much

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A 28-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of indecent exposure on Wednesday, Feb. 27 after the man was twice allegedly seen exposing his genitals near Fairmont Elementary School.

Children at the school reported the man exposing himself at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 25, but the man fled before police arrived.

Police were called again on Feb. 27 and searched the area, eventually finding the man in a parking lot on the 6000 block of Central Avenue. Witnesses identified the man.

A man was arrested on suspicion of forgery while he was attempting to withdraw cash from one of his bank accounts at El Cerrito Plaza on Feb. 28 at around 4:35 p.m. Bank employees called police about a forgery in process and police determined that the man had deposited several forged checks into accounts that were opened with false information. The man was booked into the county jail.

Police arrested an employee at a store on the 11400 block of San Pablo Avenue on suspicion of embezzlement at around 11:40 p.m. on March 2. It was reported to police that the woman stole \$920 from a register over the past month. The woman was booked into the county jail.

One woman was arrested and two people got away after the three allegedly tried to steal merchandise from a store on the

9000 block of San Pablo Avenue on March 4 at around 12:30 a.m. The three entered the business, filled a shopping bag with goods and then ran away. An officer located the woman several blocks away but the other two escaped. The woman was booked into the county jail on suspicion of burglary.

The steering column and ignition of a vehicle were damaged in an apparent theft attempt sometime between 12 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Feb. 23 on the 6800 block of Snowdown Avenue.

It was reported at 1 p.m. on Feb. 24 that a home on the 1600 block of Julian Drive was ransacked.

Someone smashed a vehicle window, then took a purse, a cellphone, a stereo facelplate and CDs from a vehicle at 6:45 p.m. on Feb. 25 on the 1600 block of Everett Street. A witness confronted the thief while they were trying to take a CD player.

A woman from the 5300 block of Silva Avenue reported at 10:18 a.m. on Feb. 25 that her debit card number was being used to make purchases at gas stations all over the country.

Someone stole a purse from a woman while she was standing in a parking lot at 8:20 p.m. on Feb. 25 on the 11400 block of San Pablo Avenue. The woman was waiting for a ride when a man came up from behind, hit her in the back of the head, stole her purse, and then ran off.

A man was arrested on suspicion of possession of a con-

trolled substance after he was seen dropping a small bag of methamphetamine on March 3 at San Pablo Avenue near Carlsson Boulevard. The man stopped the police for a traffic violation while he was running his bike and then hid from them.

Money, supplements and other items were reported taken from a vehicle on the 6000 block of Central Avenue on Feb. 23.

It was reported at 1 p.m. on Feb. 23 that a stolen vehicle was taken from a vehicle on the 11400 block of San Pablo Avenue.

A man knocked over a woman, stole her purse and ran off at 7:55 p.m. on Feb. 23 on Hill Street and San Pablo Avenue.

Property was stolen from a vehicle on Feb. 23 from the 11400 block of Don Carol Drive.

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Mayor sees bright future for business here

“EL CERRITO IS becoming a shopping destination,” Mayor Janet Abelson told members at the February Chamber of Commerce business luncheon.

The economic downturn the state is now experiencing began much earlier in El Cerrito, she said.

“For us,” she said, “the change began with the closing of the Woolworth Store and then the Emporium. We sank into a decline that lasted much too long. Changes, however, have already begun in El Cerrito.”

Abelson reported that, in preparation for her talk, she had contacted the new merchants at El Cerrito Plaza to ask how they were doing relative to their pre-opening expectations.

“I am pleased to say that the news was all good.”

Bright sales picture

The mayor reported that the manager of Albertson's had indicated his store's sales were 35 percent higher than had been projected, and were already more than the combined sales of the two local stores they closed.

“At Ross,” Abelson added, “I spoke to both the store manager and the company's district manager. They indicated that sales had exceeded their expectations, and they had been having trouble keeping merchandise on the racks.”

At Bed, Bath & Beyond, the mayor said, the manager also indicated that business was better than expected. A clerk she spoke to at Pier One Imports said that store was also doing quite well.

“What does this mean for existing merchants?” Abelson asked. “It should mean more customers as we draw back those who have been traveling to other communities for all their needs. I've become aware that residents are already beginning to notice that they can obtain what they need here in El Cerrito once again. And we're not even done yet. Many businesses are yet to come at the Plaza.”

More new Plaza stores

Some of the new firms that will be opening at the Plaza, Abelson told the Chamber, in-

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El Cerrito Chamber Notes

clude: Petco, Shoe Pavilion, Dress Barn, Hallmark, a shop for hair cuts, two cell phone stores, Barnes & Noble, Macaroni Grill, Pasta Pomodoro, a second Chinese restaurant, Rubio's Baja Grill and new, improved locations for Silver Screen Video and Mail Boxes, Etc.

“In addition,” she said, “thanks to the hard work of our city staff who gathered demographic statistics and provided data to show why we're the right place to locate, Trader Joe's is seriously considering locating one of their stores in our center.”

All these developments will also mean increased traffic for El Cerrito merchants outside the Plaza, the mayor concluded. “What this increased traffic will bring to businesses throughout the city, is the opportunity to attract new customers.”

More new members

In the past two weeks AT&T Media Services and Melody's Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning Service became the ninth and 10th firms to join the Chamber in 2002.

Beverly Meeks, local sales manager for AT&T Media Services, said she is prepared to offer local businesses advertising opportunities on 41 cable television networks throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

“I can help you reach a potential audience of nearly 1.6 million households in the Bay Area — or just a small part of it — with your advertising message,” Meeks declares.

AT&T Media Services, she reports, offers its clients more than just commercial time in high-quality programs. It also offers a wide range of resources to reach the precise audience desired — including expert sales consultants, state of the art research, quality creative commercial production, and a wide variety of promotional partnerships.

Meeks can be contacted at 925-671-4700 ext. 220, by fax at 925-671-2288.

El Cerritos interested in getting their home ready for Spring will want to call on Melody's Carpet and Uphol-

stery Cleaning, one of the Chamber's newest members.

Owned and operated by Guy Tape, Melody's service includes deep steam cleaning from the company's truck-mounted equipment, carpet brushing, thorough spot removal, deodorizing and color brightening. They also move furniture for more thorough cleaning and fast drying.

Special services include pre-conditioning of heavily soiled areas, pet odor removal, area rug cleaning, use of Scotch Guard, emergency care of water-damaged rugs, and same day service.

Fully licensed and insured for commercial as well as residential work, Melody's also offers homeowners 10 percent off, plus free hallway cleaning with each cleaning order for three or more rooms.

For a free estimate or more information call 800-480-1117, 510-235-0041 or 510-815-2888.

Four more re-join

Four more members have reinvested in the Chamber: V.G. White Jewelers, Celebrating Culture & Community, Mike Daley and the City of El Cerrito.

Plaza update planned

An up-to-the-minute report on what's happening at El Cerrito Plaza will be featured at the Chamber's March business lunch.

Guest speaker for this event, scheduled for noon Tuesday, March 26, will be new Center Manager Laurinda Stout. A question and answer session will follow her talk.

This event will be held at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, and will be open to all Chamber members and their guests. Reservations are required and may be at 510-223-7040 on or before March 22.

Benefit Dinner Scheduled

The El Cerrito/Albany Masons and the local Lions Club, both associate Chamber members, will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner on Sunday, March 10.

Tickets for the event, which will be open to the public, are \$8.50 for adults and \$5 for children.

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Honda turns up in Sacramento, minus pl

By K. Osborn

CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — At about 1 a.m. on Feb. 22 Sacramento police reported locating a gold '95 Honda that had been reported as stolen from Albany. It had been stripped and the rear license plate was missing. They did not have anyone in custody.

At about 1:30 a.m. on Feb. 26 officers stopped a subject near Brighton and Cornell avenues for riding a bike with no lights. The 20-year-old El Cerrito man consented to a search of his backpack and was arrested when officers found he was carrying numerous burglary tools. He protested that he "wasn't going to steal anything." He was also charged for drug possession, cited and released with a notice to appear.

On the afternoon of Feb. 27 officers stopped a green '94 Chevrolet Camry on the 1300 block of Marin Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 20-year-old woman, was found to have an outstanding Oakland warrant for driving with a suspended license. She was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

At about 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 officers contacted a 41-year-old Oakland man who was harassing and verbally threatening a woman on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. He also threatened the officers and was arrested, cited and taken to the Santa Rita jail.

On the afternoon of Feb. 27 a resident on the 900 block of Cornell Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his blue '85 Toyota Supra and stole his cell phone. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of Feb. 28 a resident on the 900 block of Cornell Avenue reported that someone keeps breaking branches off trees in his yard and messing up the rocks. He never sees the culprits.

At about 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 28 Albany officers responded to the BART path near Solano and

Masonic avenues on reports of a subject who appeared to be intoxicated. The 43-year-old Oakland man was found to be extremely intoxicated and was unable to care for himself. He was arrested for disorderly conduct, cited and held to be released when sober.

An Albany woman reported that her wallet was stolen while she was at a bakery on the 1100 block of Solano Avenue on the morning of March 1. She did not see who took it.

Officers stopped a green '84 Ford Mustang near San Pablo and Brighton avenues for a vehicle code violation at about 1:30 a.m. on March 2. The driver, a Richmond woman, was found to be unlicensed. She was cited and her vehicle impounded.

On the afternoon of March 2 officers stopped a silver '82 Lincoln Continental on Jacuzzo Street near Central Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 15-year-old Albany boy was found to be unlicensed. He was arrested, cited and released to his parents with a notice to appear.

At about 2 a.m. on March 3 officers stopped a red '91 Honda for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 21-year-old Daly City man, was found to be intoxicated. He failed the field sobriety test, was arrested and held to be released when sober.

Shortly before midnight on March 3 officers stopped a blue '93 Plymouth near Albany beach that was observed to be driving suspiciously. A check of the two

occupants found that they were, a San Pablo man and a woman, both outstanding warrants. Alameda County Sheriff's Office reported that the man also found that he had drug paraphernalia in his possession during the stop. He was arrested, cited and taken to county marshal's office.

Shortly after midnight on March 4 a couple reported their white '99 Acura was stolen while it was parked on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of March 4 a resident on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue reported that thieves had entered his home while he was asleep and stolen items. She did not see who took them.

On the afternoon of March 4 a resident on the 1000 block of Curtis Street reported that thieves had sprayed graffiti on his garage door. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Feb. 27 officers towed two vehicles, responded to night alarms, attended to three deceased animals, and helped six people who were injured by their house or car. There were also two domestic disputes, disturbances and 180 citations. Officers stopped 160 vehicles, issued 73 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to eight medical emergencies.

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OF FALLING,' a presentation of dance and storytelling at El Cerrito's Hillside Community Church this weekend, spans generations by bringing together dancers ranging in age from 24 to 83.

All ages dance in 'Risk of Falling'

— It may look like a group of women who dance to music on Wednesday mornings in a Berkeley studio are just playing around. But the dancers, aged 24 to 83, are joyfully rebelling against stereotypes of age and art with an intergenerational dance called "Risk of Falling."

The piece, which weaves intergenerational movement and personal storytelling to explore issues of trust, fear, aging and community, will be performed with live Afro-Cuban drumming by Carolyn Brandy on Saturday, March 9, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 10, at 4:30 p.m. at the Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navellier St., El Cerrito.

Each dancer has developed a story around the Risk of Falling. One woman will examine issues of aging and losing her mother will tell her saga of moving to the bottom of "the river" and emerging with renewed strength. Another piece explores the risk of coming out as a lesbian

JULIE DRUCKER & COMPANY

WHAT: "Risk of Falling," a performance of intergenerational dance and storytelling directed by Julie Drucker. Live Afro-Cuban drumming performed by Carolyn Brandy and the Hot Flashes.

WHEN: Saturday, March 9 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 10 at 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navellier St., El Cerrito

TICKETS: \$12-15 general, \$10 seniors. No seniors turned away for lack of funds. Call 510-286-7922 for reservations, directions and additional information.

to a second grade class.

Julie Drucker, the project's 38-year-old creative director, was moved to create "Risk of Falling" after the dancer lost her grandmother, her life-long inspiration and teacher. Her close relation-

ship to her also led Drucker to create the Grandmother Project, a humorous yet poignant piece in which the dancers played tribute to their own grandmas, which premiered at Luna Sea in 1996.

Many of the performers, particularly the elders, have never danced on stage before. But by speaking so personally about themselves, "Risk of Falling" features their experience with life, nature. The eldest cast member, Gertrude Diamond, a New York native aged 83, describes her childhood as: "no touch, no talk, no play, no dance, no music... But I always said I'd be a dancer in another life."

Drucker chose the title "Risk of Falling" because it resonates with people of all ages. While for younger people, risk of falling is metaphorical, for elders, the hazard is literal. "Doctors and therapists are phobic. They warn you to use your cane and get a walker, creating a sense of fear that is more overwhelming than the actual risk," says Diamond, a resident at Strawberry Creek Lodge in Berkeley.

USDA honors Albany agriculture researchers

ALBANY — The innovative work of four researchers connected with the Agricultural Research Service's Western Regional Research Center has earned national recognition. ARS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research branch.

A team of East Bay chemists won a national research honor last month for devising edible films that keep sliced fruits attractive and flavorful. Dominic W.S. Wong of the ARS research center in Albany, and retired ARS colleagues Attila E. Pavlath and Wayne M. Camirand, have received an award from the agency's Office of Technology Transfer.

Wong, an El Cerrito resident, is with the Bioproduct Chemistry and Engineering Research Unit. Pavlath lives in Walnut Creek and Camirand lives in Albany.

Innovative concepts employing wheat starch and wheat and rice straw in new, environmentally friendly products earned an Early Career Research Scientist Award for ARS chemist William J. Orts. All four researchers were honored at a Feb. 13 awards ceremony in Beltsville, Md.

Edible film

ARS acting administrator Edward B. Knippling called the calcium-based edible film developed by the research team, "a novel coating for fresh-cut produce (that) is being used today for sliced apples."

"The coating is also ideal for preserving the taste, texture and color of cut meats and other pro-

duce," he said, adding that the film has other applications as well.

"The scientists showed that similar films could help milking cows stay healthy," Knippling said. This commercial product, applied to a cow's udder between milkings, protects against the microbes that cause mastitis. An infection of the milk duct, mastitis is a costly disease that has to be treated with antibiotics.

The scientists have patented and licensed both technologies.

Researcher honored

Orts, who received a plaque, a cash award and additional funds for his research, leads the Bioproduct Chemistry and Engineering Research Unit at the ARS Albany facility.

The Early Career Award is presented to outstanding scientists who have been with ARS for seven years or less and who have completed their highest degree within the last 10 years. Orts is the winner from the agency's Pacific West Area, which includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

In collaboration with Albany colleague Gregory M. Glenn, Orts invented new formulations and processes for using wheat starch as a component of biodegradable "burger boxes." Typically, these

containers are made mostly from petroleum-derived materials. "Dr. Orts' research demonstrated that starch from corn and rice is also excellent for making these containers," said ARS Acting Administrator Edward B. Knippling.

In related work, Orts developed blends of starch and other components to make biodegradable cups for coffee and other hot beverages. "These blends," said Knippling, "could effectively replace the non-renewable polystyrene traditionally used to make these foam cups."

In addition, Orts showed that a combination of crop-derived chemicals could be used in place of petroleum-based polymers to help control soil erosion. His bio-based mixture, when added to irrigation water, can help keep soil particles in place and reduce erosion that might otherwise occur when water travels down furrows. "These biopolymers provide effective, biodegradable alternatives to polyacrylamide, the current industry standard for reducing irrigation-induced erosion," said Knippling.

Orts has been active in mentoring high school students interested in scientific careers, according to the USDA.

Orts received his bachelor of science in chemical engineering from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada in 1984; and his master of science in biochemistry in 1986 and his doctorate in chemistry in 1991, both from the University of Toronto.

Free training program invites community to be disaster-ready in 2002

EL CERRITO — The fire department wants you — to be prepared for all hazards and disasters, natural and otherwise.

Put out a fire, rescue a trapped victim, perform medical triage, and much more in the El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department's free Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Team training course.

Topics include: mass casualty incidents, disaster medicine, haz-

ardous materials, search and rescue, fire suppression, utility control, emergency communications, hazard mitigation, damage assessment, and home and neighborhood preparedness.

The NEAT training course consists of a classroom session and a hands-on drill.

The classroom session is from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on either Saturday, April 13 or Saturday, April 27.

The hands-on drill is from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 11.

The course is free and open to everyone, though a reservation is required. For location and reservation, contact NEAT Program Coordinator Pat Cafel at 510-525-7268 or cafelajuno.com. To reserve space, provide your name, address, phone number, e-mail, and choice of classroom session date.

BRIEF

Annual Poets' Dinner is March 16

David Alpaugh, on the theme of professionalization of Poetry, will speak about the 76th Poets' Dinner at the El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department. His talk presents the reading of winning poems and the awards of prizes in annual contest. The event begins at 11:30 with no-host cocktails and a noon lunch.

Although it will open up on what are as disturbing ways in which poetry is being redefined. Tickets are \$23 in advance and \$24 at the door. Specify lunch. London broil, or meatloaf, lasagna, send check and cash to Richard Angilly, 1515 El Cerrito Ave., Richmond, CA 94802.

One of the uninterrupted annual of yearly poetry contests and the banquets to laud the winners have been to celebrate poetry and the authors together.

Helping kids find a positive body image

ALBANY — Helping Our Kids Discover Positive Body Image is a series of a free discussion with author Patty Hertz, from 7-8:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 in the library at Albany Middle School, 1259 Brighton Ave. (next to Cougar Field).

As their bodies change, middle school kids also change the way they see themselves. How parents help their children embrace a more positive self-image? Can parents argue

against the media messages that influence their children? How can parents communicate with their children about body image?

Hertz, the mother of a 14-year-old boy, has more than 20 years of experience working with children and families. In 1997 she created the Magic Mirror Program to support the development of positive body and self-image for middle school children. She teaches about body image in school and private settings throughout the Bay Area. Hertz invites you to mail her with your questions in advance of the meeting: at pattyhertz@aol.com.

Casino night, silent auction for ECHS

EL CERRITO — The ninth annual Casino Night and Silent Auction, a gala fund-raiser for college scholarships for El Cerrito High School students, is from 7-11 p.m. on Friday, April 12, at the Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane in El Cerrito. Join a fun-filled evening with friends, great food, music, dancing, silent auction and games. Tickets are \$25, or \$40 for two and include hors d'oeuvres, desserts, a chance to win prizes and free games. A radio DJ will provide music for dancing, there will be a silent auction throughout the evening and a no-host beer and wine bar.

A donation of \$200 will sponsor a gaming table and sponsors for quarter or half tables also are available. Businesses and individuals underwrite the cost of Casino Night and donations support college scholarships and ma-

terials for school-wide programs.

To buy tickets or become a sponsor contact event chairwoman Janet McKnight at 510-525-3272 or e-mail bbaker4329@aol.com. Specify the number tickets you want your name, and your address. Indicate if you would like to become a sponsor or donate a prize. Checks should be made out to "ECHS Student Activities Fund."

Observe Earth Day, help a celebration

EL CERRITO — The city invites the entire community to join in celebrating its 33rd Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 20.

Over 38 parks and schools grounds will be spruced up from 8:30 a.m. to noon after which the volunteers will be given a free barbecue lunch at the El Cerrito Community Center on Moers Lane. To sign up for a specific site, contact 510-525-7709 or send an e-mail to earthday@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or simply show up at the community center to find out which sites can use a helping hand.

Everyone is welcome to come and join the work parties.

Following the morning of gardening and cleanup, everyone is invited to the Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane, for a free barbecue lunch cooked by the

ECFD and ECPD.

Lunch will be served at noon until 1:30 p.m. Sustainable El Cerrito, El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce and the City of El Cerrito are co-sponsoring the event.

Art association meeting on Monday

The El Cerrito Art Association's next meeting, from 7:30-9 p.m. on Monday, March 11, will feature Berkeley artist and author Ross Drago who will offer art critiques to association members. The meeting is in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 2007 Moers Lane.

Drago trained at State University of New York at Buffalo in painting and sculpture. He is the founder of the Berkeley Energy Art Studio. His Modular Art concept is based on energy symbols found in geometric shapes.

Drago's most recent public commission is the 90-foot long Linus Pauling Commemorative ceramic mural in Palo Alto, done in January 2000. Many of his paintings are in private collections throughout the United States.

In addition to its monthly meetings featuring local guest artists, the association sponsors an annual open, non-juried art show. This year the 26th annual show will be held April 26, 27, and 28 at the Community Cen-

ter. Co-chairs of the event are Kevin Strong and Wenona Bixby, both of El Cerrito. Entry applications are available at the center and at local libraries.

Art Association meetings are open to the public with a \$2 donation suggested for non-members. Details: 510-559-8640.

LWW meets March 19

EL CERRITO — The Richmond Area chapter of the League of Women Voters meets at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 in the third floor conference room of the Summerville Retirement Residence, 6510 Gladys Ave. in El Cerrito.

Helene Lecar, of the Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville LWW, and California chairwoman of the League of Women Voters Study of the Community College System will advocate state legislation that integrates the state community college system effectively within its public education system and clarifies its funding and

governance. Questions: Joan Bartulovich 510-232-1136 or Louise Vogelsberg 510-233-0199.

Go on-line to learn healthy food habits

The Contra Costa County Health Services Department is celebrating National Nutrition Month by launching "On the Move with FoodWise," an on-line collection of recipes and health tips.

Gracen White, the project's coordinator, emphasizes that healthy eating and regular physical exercise help us "feel good, look good, and keep us healthy, fit and energetic."

She advises a daily regimen of five servings of vegetables and fruit, and 30 minutes of enjoyable, moderate activity. "Take a long walk after dinner to burn off calories," she said. "If you walk with friends or family, it's a great time to talk, too," White said.

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On March 21, the Board of Directors of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District will hold two public hearings at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on a proposed redistricting plan for changing the District's five ward boundaries. This redistricting is required to conform to the wards to the requirement that they be nearly equal in population as measured by the 2000 United States Census.

Dellums, Brauer, Halterman & Associates, LLC, the District's consultants, will present a final draft plan to the AC Transit Board of Directors at the meetings. This draft will be based on public input received from seven community meetings and other communications from interested individuals and groups held during January and February 2002.

At the Public Hearings, the Board of Directors will review the draft plan, and receive any additional public comments.

Following the 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing the Board will vote on a final redistricting plan for the ward boundaries.

Thursday, March 21
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Please do not wear scented products to the meeting.

For more information, contact:
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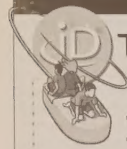




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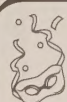
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School-funding fact — average daily attendance

Public schools receive funding from the state based on Average Daily Attendance. Districts do not receive ADA for students who are absent due to illness (excused absences) or for unexcused absences. Albany Unified loses about \$2,150 per day or \$387,000 per year in ADA, enough to hire five to eight full-time teachers. How can parents help?

1. Encourage your child to attend school unless sick. If your child resists, call your school principal for help.
2. Schedule family vacations during school breaks. AUSD can receive ADA for five days or more vacation if an independent study contract is written in advance, and the assigned work is turned into the school office.
3. If your child has a medical appointment, have your child attend as much of the school day as possible. ADA will be received if the student attends for one period of the school day.

Albany High School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Molly Mitchell at mmm1123@aol.com

March 8, "Hello, Dolly," student production, AHS Little Theater: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$7/adults, \$5/students and seniors. Reservations: 510-558-2575.

March 11, Site Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Principal's Conference Room

March 11, Band Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., Band Room

March 16, Groove Fest, 7 p.m., Little Theater, \$8/adults, \$5/students and seniors

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March 13, AMS Parent Education Evening, Helping our Kids Discover positive body image with Patty Hertz, MSW, 7:15 PM, AMS Library, e-mail questions in advance to pattyhertz@aol.com

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Cornell Elementary School

Interested parents may receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Barbara Grady-Ayer at gradayer@aol.com

March 20, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

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Marin Elementary School

Interested parents may receive important messages by e-mail. Contact Tree Stuber at marinertree@aol.com

March 21, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Staff Room

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Ocean View Elementary School

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March 28, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

Script Orders: Call Kim Denton at 510-524-3355

AUSD Board of Education

March 12, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

AUSD Calendar

April 1-5, Spring Break no school

Items? Call Kay Weinstein at 525-0363 or e-mail: kayweinstein@yahoo.com

EL CERRITO PTA NEWS

Adams Middle School

PTA Voice Message Box: Weekly updates of what is happening at school. Call 510-464-1360, ext. 70.

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Castro Elementary

Fund-raisers: Castro is enrolled in eScrip (ID#137627554), Albertson's, Target, and SchoolPop fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 510-236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Castro when you shop.

Harding Elementary

Pizza Night is next Thursday, March 14. Order a pizza at Pizza Roma and mention Harding, and they will donate 25 percent of their profit to the school. Pizza Roma is located in the Safeway Shopping Center at Mooser Lane and San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito.

El Cerrito High

NEW SCRIP SALES: El Cerrito High School PTSA is enrolled in the eScrip program. Our group ID is 5221087. Keep informed: Join the ECHS e-mail forum. To sign up, e-mail Joann Steck-Bayat at jsbayat@attbi.com.

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dren. They will be available from any Lions Club member or at the door on the day of the event, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave. Proceeds will benefit the Masonic Building Association and the Lions' sight conservation projects.

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Albany modifies Memorial Park plan to protect trees

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Plans to improve the city's biggest park are rolling along and improvements should begin by this summer, according to city officials.

The city has been working on improving drainage and installing new play equipment to meet current safety standards at Memorial Park since 1999, but had been thwarted by concerns about how the plans would affect the trees there.

In October, the city staff and

city arborist modified plans to avoid conflicts with tree roots. The plans included relocating a section of walkway to be equidistant between two northerly redwood trees; moving the edge of the play area for 5- to 12-year-olds to increase the distance from a camphor tree; and modifying drainage piping to lessen the consequences to roots.

"The fairly minor changes to the proposal are to basically protect the trees that are there," said Mayor Peggy Thomsen.

"It looks good," added Coun-

cilman Allan Maris. "Just seeing new equipment — and I think the relocation will look good. It also provides the opportunity for more grass in the area where the two sets of play equipment were located. We're consolidating more and opening up the opportunity for more open green space."

Plans for the park include building separate play areas for children between the ages of 2 to 5 and 5 to 12, and a sandbox for children under 2. Park drainage will be improved to avoid the flooding that has been

typical with rainy weather, according to assistant city administrator Ann Ritzner.

"In the winter we've had some heavy rain, but it hasn't been as bad as the last time," Ritzner said. "The current plan was looked at by the City Council and Recreation Commission at the City Council on March 5. They will be meeting in April for final approval. The project goes to the City Council for final approval. Companies for bid.

See PLAN, p. 1

Park concessions appear not enough for tax hike

A parcel tax hike for East Bay regional parks went down to defeat Tuesday.

Measure K fell well short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

East Bay Regional Park District officials said the tax hike was needed to help finance improvements and maintenance in a sprawling network of parks that have grown by about one-third since 1988.

That was when voters approved a bond measure that has allowed the district to buy about 26,000 acres, bringing its total size to about 93,000 acres.

District officials say that, ad-

justed for inflation, they are getting fewer dollars per acre than they were before the 1988 bond. That is why they have been trying to get voter approval for a tax increase for four years.

Critics of the district contend that the growth in property tax revenues has more than made up for any monetary shortages the district might have been suffering. Some critics of the tax measure also took issue during the campaign with some of the district's environmental policies, such as its management of cattle on district property.

The parcel tax proposal amounted to \$12 a year per

house in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. For apartment units, the tax was \$8.28 per year.

Four years ago, the park district tried to get voters to approve the tax measure but fell just shy of the two-thirds majority that was needed.

This time around the measure fell short in both counties the district serves, receiving 65.1 percent of the vote in Alameda and only 57 percent in Contra Costa.

Last year, the district was gearing up for another run at a tax hike when a district employee was caught embezzling funds and a subsequent report from the district's auditors turned up

weaknesses in its financial controls.

Park district officials fixed those shortcomings and made some concessions to ensure K that they had won over voters in their 1998 attempt. The district included a sunset clause in the measure, promising annual audits on how the tax measure would be spent and also promising that if more than 50 percent of voters would be funded by the tax.

In all, the properties have generated about \$1 million a year for the district.



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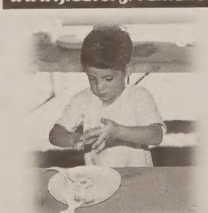
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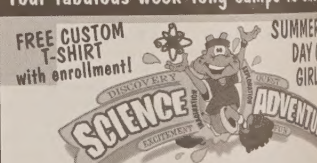
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Hancock handily wins Assembly race

By Peter Felsenfeld
STAFF WRITER

Democrat Loni Hancock won Tuesday by a commanding margin over 14th Assembly District rival Charles Ramsey and Dave ...

With no other parties offering ... the victor will most likely replace outgoing legislator ... D-Berkeley, who is ... by term limits from run- ...

"I feel very good about the cam- ... we ran," Hancock said. "We ... about experience and qual- ... and issues that matter to ... like education and the en- ...

The 14th District race com- ... three Democrats focused ... education, transportation, ... care and the economy. ... The district includes Berkeley,

Richmond, Lamorinda and most of Pleasant Hill.

The trio of candidates argued the state should renegotiate crippling long-term power contracts, support academic enrichment programs and provide incentives for smart-growth measures.

Ramsey raised the most money, boasting \$384,290, followed by Hancock, who raised \$353,104 — including a \$67,000 personal loan — and Brown at \$154,647.

As the campaign progressed, policy analyst Brown increasingly highlighted transportation issues, calling attention to his strong support of adding a fourth bore to the Caldecott Tunnel and extending BART. A former teacher, Brown said local school districts should have more authority to spend money in return for regular evaluations.

Having served as an education appointee in the Clinton administration, former Berkeley Mayor Hancock stressed her experience tackling tough issues on the local and national level. Hancock accented her campaign with environmental issues, arguing the state should purchase park land and adopt principals of the Kyoto Protocol to promote energy efficiency.

Dubbing himself "the education Democrat," West County school district Trustee Ramsey spotlighted the troubled district's financial recovery during his seven-year tenure. A housing and family law attorney, Ramsey said education reform is tied to socio-economic factors, and he advocated bonds to pay for transportation projects that get people to work.



DENNIS COOPER is supervising remodeling work at the old Kiefer Furniture building, here measuring the building foundation. Work on the old theater next door is on hold, but the rest of the building

Train kills man sleeping on tracks

A spokesman for the Union Pacific Railroad said it is investigating a fatal train accident that occurred Wednesday morning.

A man, who still hadn't been identified at the time of the re- ... was allegedly sleeping on

the Union Pacific tracks near the border of Albany and Berkeley when he was struck by a north-bound Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight train. Union Pacific spokesman Mike Furtney said the fatality occurred around 3:38 a.m. to the north of the Gilman Street crossing.

The incident is the second of its kind in recent months. Two

men, including a 39-year-old day laborer from Mexico, were struck and killed by an Amtrak train in Berkeley last December.

Berkeley and Albany police departments reportedly turned the investigation of this week's incident over to the Union Pacific Railroad.

Upgrade

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pipe and 610 feet of 8-inch pipe was replaced and one new hydrant was installed.

The next two phases, 350 feet of 12-inch pipe will be installed underneath Beloit Avenue and 110 feet of 12-inch pipe will be installed underneath Purdue Avenue.

In addition, 12 new hydrants will be installed throughout the town and there's a proposal to build a 75,000-gallon water tank at Kensington Road and Kensington Court. The tank is intended to provide enough water to flow for 3,000 gallons per minute for 20 minutes, according to Cheit.

The project is being funded entirely by the Kensington Fire District. The fire district, com-

prised of an elected five-member board of directors, directs where money collected from Kensington taxpayers is spent.

"We're achieving a much better ability to fight fires throughout the community," said Scott, "so that would include the regional park district interface but also the interior of the community. So it's a community-wide effort."

Search

FROM PAGE 1

someone who is people-oriented, a good communicator, able to work with several groups, and has standards-based curriculum technology, Gatti said.

"Once I meet with all the ... then I come back to the

office and synthesize the information and devise a set of criteria and then I take it back to the board," Gatti said.

Following board approval, the criteria will be published in a brochure, he added.

Final candidates will be interviewed by school board members, a committee established by the board, and others in the com-

munity, including teachers union representatives, principals and city officials.

School district president David Farrell feels positive the district will find a good superintendent soon. "It's of the utmost importance," he said. "This is our leader and we need to find someone who's a good fit for the district."

Find

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Measure D campaign co-chair. The pre-construction work ... the gusto of earth-mov- ... and towering wreck- ... but school officials say ... an important part of the ... "It's just not responsible ... otherwise," Price said.

More than 71 percent of the ... people who came out to ... this week said yes to the West ... Costa school district's \$300 ... bond measure.

"I think it says a lot about this community," said Harris of the strong bond support at the polls. "It says that this community is no longer willing to allow anything to get in the way of educating its young people."

An early analysis of votes showed Kensington, El Cerrito and North Richmond voters led the charge with about 79 percent of the voters approving the measure.

Around 71 percent of San Pablo and Richmond voters said yes to the bond. And between 57 and 59 percent of El Sobrante, Hercules and Pinole voters ap-

proved Measure D.

"Just giving them money isn't going to solve the problem," said Tom Lynden, a Hercules parent and critic of Measure D. "But I'm not surprised. It's hard for people to say no."

The \$300 million bond, when added to the \$40 million Measure E bond passed by voters in 1998 and the \$150 million Measure M bond approved in 2000, nears West Contra Costa's anticipated \$500

million facilities needs.

Measure D will cost property owners about \$50 per \$100,000 of assessed land value.

Some of the projects Measure D will pay for include a new science lab, seismic studies, new portable classrooms, carpet, updated electrical and phone systems, improved fields and running tracks, modernized plumbing systems and new bleachers, lockers and lighting.

Plan

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Construction is expected to begin shortly after July 4 to avoid conflicting with the city's annual Fourth of July celebration held at the park.

City officials and coun-

cilmembers are happy the project is moving forward.

"It's been a very open process," said Thomsen. "People have different desires for uses of the park. We tried to accommodate all uses, and we tried to come up with design that would do that."

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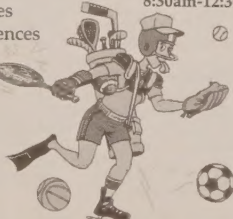
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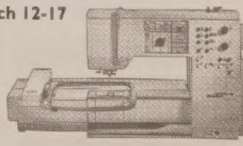
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All the right moves

LIKE MANY OF THE CREEKS in our area, the Cerrito Theater now has Friends with a capital F. And they're having an effect in the city.

They are rallying around the long-shuttered movie house, to let the city of El Cerrito know that people in the community want it saved.

They argue that the Cerrito could become a distinctive place to show hard-to-find movies and could draw business from outside the city. They point out that it could be a way to distinguish El Cerrito from the other fast-food-and-chain-store cities lining the I-80 corridor.

And they're right. It would. Far more than the mattress store rumored to be ready to move into the space.

But goodwill alone doesn't pay the bills — specifically, \$10,000 a month in rent and an estimated \$1 million or so to get it back in working order as a theater.

The operators of another small cinema in Oakland were interested in taking it over but bowed out last month when it became clear how much of the financial risk they would have to take.

The building's owner by all accounts seems willing to go so far but no further in preserving the historic building as a theater.

Whether the city will buy the building or find a partner to help with the restoration and operation of a business there remains to be seen — but this week the council sitting as the redevelopment agency did the right thing.

It bought the Cerrito time.

By approving a lease agreement that could go as long as three months, it saved the historic building for a while longer at least. And perhaps during that time something can be worked out.

It was probably a hard decision, but made easier by the theater's friends — with or without capital Fs — showing up at the city meeting and making their wishes known.

At the meeting, councilwoman Letitia Moore said this gave the city a chance to see if the project was viable and to do it right.

Councilman Mark Friedman said he appreciated the community support, and that it was not often so many people show up in favor of something.

So, bravo to the community for turning out, and to the city for moving, cautiously, in the right direction on this one-of-a-kind opportunity for the city.

Voters remember schools

We all know what happens when we (or our landlords) defer maintenance on a home: Little problems become big problems and big problems become disasters.

A majority of voters on Tuesday proved that they understand this concept very well as it applies to places of learning.

They passed Measure D, the West Contra Costa Unified School District bond measure that will fund reconstruction and renovation of the district's middle and high schools.

And they passed Measure A for the Contra Costa Community College District. This measure will pay for various repairs at colleges in the district, including new roofs, a new student support center and a renovated music building at Contra Costa College in San Pablo.

New roofs. You can't get much more basic — or necessary — than that.

Yes, there have been questions and criticism over just how the West County schools have been spending the other two bond measures that were passed in the last five years.

Some critics suggested that they not be given the money until some results from the earlier bond-money expenditures were shown.

But this is a big district — nearly 60 campuses — with aging schools whose repairs have been deferred for lack of funds until the situation is shameful.

Once a bond measure is passed, it takes time to organize the work to be done, hire the right people and companies and get started.

And now that the new bond measure has passed, voters who want to be sure their money is spent wisely should stay involved. If they question an expenditure, they should call their school board members, and keep calling to let the district know they're paying attention.

A yes vote shouldn't amount to a blank check.

As for the community college district, it has gone to the voters twice before and lost both times. This bond measure had an it's-about-time feel to it.

We often hear — often suspect — that our society likes to say it values children, while letting governments cut programs that help children and the adults on whom they depend.

Tuesday's elections proved that, when it comes to keeping up the schools where our children learn — and even to help the community colleges where they, as young adults (and maybe even later in life as returning students), continue learning — a majority of those who vote are willing to act, not just talk.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save Cerrito Theater

I strongly support the restoration of the Cerrito Theater!

El Cerrito has allowed itself to be settled by a large number of chain stores, which has had the effect of making the city even more anonymous and ugly than when I moved here seven years ago. This theater, however, represents an opportunity to preserve our city's history and expand its current and future cultural identity.

My hope is that the theater will be restored by the city, together with Friends of the Cerrito Theatre, and be made available to organizations and individuals within the city to present plays, concerts, films and whatever else the local artistic community can come up with.

I am a composer, performer and leader of a large ensemble called Daniel Popsicle, and it would please me no end to have a place to perform locally.

I would be happy to donate my services as a musician, organizer and volunteer laborer to further this project!

Dan Plonsey
El Cerrito

Attract nurses

The state-ordered nurse-to-patient ratio would substantially improve patient care in California — if there were not a shortage of nurses. That means that our state should set salaries that attract young people to prepare for nursing and nurses from the world over to come here.

It should provide funds to universities and communities to expand their training programs. Without such provisions, there would be no improvement in patient care.

Dan Freudenthal
El Cerrito

Different values

Some people display no understanding of socialism, mistaking it for the micro-managed state economies of various totalitarian militaristic states.

There are no truly socialist nations. The Scandinavian ones come closest, distributing their surpluses for the general welfare, providing universal health care, excellent child care, subsidized housing and education through college, great transportation, etc.

The standard of living of most of Western Europe is much higher than here. Europeans work much less than do Americans and for higher pay. In all studies asking people how satisfied they are with their governments, Scandinavians come out the happiest. This, despite high taxes, which, by the way, are proportional — a dirty word here.

Americans have the lowest taxes in the industrialized world and want government surpluses dribbled back in tax

refunds. And what do we get for our taxes? Nothing!

We have at least 45 million uninsured, tens of millions under-insured, high illiteracy and infant mortality, and 25 percent of our children living in poverty. We have growing hunger and homelessness, underpaid teachers, soaring college costs, crumbling schools, roads and bridges, absurd housing costs, etc.

But our military has all the bells and whistles it requests. Shows what we value.

Jayne Thomas
Michael Wiest
El Cerrito

Nasty prank on us

State Sen. Don Perata's talk of vaguely "expanded public transit" in return for \$3 tolls looks like a nasty prank on commuters.

Really, Perata seems to be eyeing a new revenue source (us) to subsidize his long-standing pet project of massively increasing Bay ferry operations.

A 1999 Perata bill created a new bureaucracy to run the ferries. But the Legislature minimized its funding after critics demonstrated that an expanded ferry fleet would be environmentally harmful (diesel ferries are big polluters) and wasteful (ferries' per-rider subsidies dwarf those on BART or buses).

Cynics noted that the ferry proposal came from a self-appointed, private-sector panel headed by Ron Cowan, a large developer in Perata's home turf of Alameda. Expanded ferry operations would substantially increase the value of Cowan's waterfront properties. Cowan's proposal also specified \$3 bridge tolls to subsidize the ferries.

I'd support a \$3 toll if every extra penny reduced my transbay BART or AC Transit fare to the same \$3 (round-trip). But an extra \$1 to further enrich Perata's ferry godfather, while basic transit (BART and bus) routes — and indeed, the bridge's own seismic retrofit — remain underfunded?

Just say no.

Michael Katz
Berkeley

Media's responsibility

I can't tell you how thrilled I've been by the dramatic rise in seriousness that news agencies and media outlets have shown in reporting their news since Sept. 11, no matter how gruesome and tragic the impetus for such changes.

It made me proud to see our domestic media begin to shed the tabloid stories that made so many capable news sources the yellow rags they were.

In recent months, there has been a resurgence in the establishment of foreign news bureaus and the strengthening of already existing overseas bureaus.

Before the heightened pride in legitimate news reporting, very respectable prominent periodicals were employing one correspondent for the entire continent of Africa — unbelievable!

However, the relative calm in news events and lull in newsworthy issues pertaining to the United States over the few weeks have given much of the media an excuse to go back to their tricks.

I beg the media to not let our news back to its former quality, or lack thereof. You must see that the reporting of foreign news is one of the best deterrents against massively heinous crimes, as at the events of Sept. 11.

When the media are involved in gathering the stories and photos of happenings in other countries, our people being exposed to that news, demand dangerous regimes and tense situations be removed or solved through action by our government. This safeguards our homeland against situations that can otherwise slip through undetected.

Saku Desai
Kensington

India's state terrorism

India vows to fight terrorism and to haps Pakistan. Yet, India itself is guilty of state terrorism.

In 1992, the B.J.P. Hindu Nationalist Party destroyed a historic Muslim shrine in Ayodhya, killing dozens. The leader, L.K. Advani, is currently an Indian government minister.

In November 1984, Indian government mobs massacred and raped thousands of Sikhs in Delhi and across the nation. Professor David Horowitz of Duke University Law School writes, "Sikh victims of the 1984 riots were frequently hit on the head and then set afire, usually by those gouged out first."

He also wrote that truckloads of fanatics were being brought into Delhi. "Young men were seen going round the city on scooters and motorcycles, spraying Sikh shops and homes. Religious lists and information from religious owners were used to facilitate the process."

Shockingly, India refuses to prosecute the murderers of Sikhs. Indeed, the massacre leaders are Indian officials. India won't prosecute its own terrorists, can we believe anything else?

Pakistan and India are struggling in Kashmir, a Muslim majority state. The Hindu king of Kashmir unilaterally handed the state to India without a democratic vote.

U.N. resolutions call for Kashmir to vote on staying in India, joining Pakistan or becoming independent of both. India rejects this democratic vote. The former Soviet Union, under Gorbachev, did not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Smear campaign gets Gray Davis what he wished for

WELL, HE DID IT. Gray Davis succeeded in manipulating the Republican primary to get the opportunity of his own choosing. Just a few months ago, he decided that the moderate Republican, the respected mayor of Los Angeles, would be a tougher opponent than William Simon, a right-winger who was elected to public office by spending \$10 million to beat the Republican before the election.



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

until long after the election. In the meantime, the smear worked. Christopher lost the primary, and Brown got the easy opponent he wanted — like Simon, a lightweight right-winger who had never held an elective office. The guy would be easy to beat.

The guy's name was Ronald Reagan.

One of the things I love about elections are the minor candidates, who are invariably more interesting than the front runners. Take Jim Dimov, a candidate for governor on the Republican side, whose ballot statement was a platform to end all platforms. "I will remove all corruption, bureaucracy, crime and pollution," he promised, "(and) I will solve all problems."

Or his fellow gubernatorial candidate, Danny Ball, whose ballot statement was refresh-

ingly modest. Said he: "I'm asking for your vote mainly because I'm a grandpa."

The most honest politician of the election was state Senator Don Perata, who sent his constituents a letter in support of Prop 45, which would relax term limits under certain circumstances. "Simply put," he wrote, "Prop. 45 would permit me to run for another four years in the Senate."

The cleverest campaign mailer came from state assembly candidate Charles Ramsey. It featured endorsements from Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean and Vice-Mayor Maudelle Shirek, who have fought each other tooth and nail on every issue since the dawn of time. "Finally!" said the mailer. "Something they agree on!"

I won't tell you who I voted for, but I'll tell you who I didn't vote for: anyone who called me at dinnertime with one of those recorded messages. These recordings won't let go of your telephone, even if you hang up. When you pick up the phone again, the recording is still there, droning on and on until it's finished.

This is the way to win friends and influence people? It's a vio-

lation of Snapp's First Law Of Politics: If you put a political bumper sticker on your car, don't cut anyone off in traffic.

(Come to think of it, if you really want to play dirty, you could put the bumper sticker of someone you oppose on your car and then cut people off.)

Speaking of politics, do you know where the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey came from?

They were invented by the 19th Century cartoonist Thomas Nast. The other animal in his menagerie was the Tammany Tiger, which Nast — a loyal Republican — used to pillory the Tammany Hall Democratic machine and its leader, William Marcy Tweed — better known to history as "Boss Tweed."

And it worked. Tweed was sent to prison, and he placed the blame squarely on Nast. "Most of my constituents can't read," he moaned, "but they can all understand those (expensive deleted) pictures!"

But where did Nast get the tiger? Well, Tweed's power base was the patronage jobs in the fire department, which he doled out to his supporters. Tweed himself was the foreman of En-

gine Company No. 6. And on the back of Engine No. 6's fire truck was a painting of a tiger. Voila!

To this day, the firemen of Engine No. 6 still refer to themselves as "the Tigers." They have gone in harm's way to save others during every disaster to hit New York, from the draft riots in 1863 to the Triangle factory fire in 1911.

And they were one of the first units to respond to the attacks on the World Trade Center. But they paid a terrible price: Four of them were killed in the collapse of the North Tower.

I learned all this last weekend from Kenny King, a firefighter from Engine No. 6 who was visiting Berkeley and Richmond last weekend as a goodwill gesture.

Tuesday will be the half-year anniversary of the attacks, and it breaks my heart to see how quickly things are getting back to "normal." We're starting to treat each other as badly as we did before Sept. 11. I'm not saying we should sit around and be depressed all day, but have we learned nothing?

I wish you could have met Kenny King and listened to this modest man talk about the horrors he witnessed that day. I wish you'd heard him talk about his fallen brothers — Tom O'Hagan, Tom O'Holohan, Billy Johnston, and King's best friend, Paulie Beyer — and the families they left behind.

But you can do the next best

thing: Visit Engine No. 6's Web site at www.fdyengine6.org. You can find out more about the Tigers and purchase authentic Engine No. 6 sweat-shirts, T-shirts, pins and patches online. Every penny will go to O'Hagan's, O'Holohan's, Johnston's and Beyer's families. You can also leave e-mail messages for the Tigers, and I guarantee: They will e-mail you back.

Have you wanted to do something ever since Sept. 11, but didn't know how? This is the perfect way. Let these brave men know they haven't been forgotten, even as far away as California.

And while we're at it, let's tell our own firefighters how much we appreciate them. They took a lot of abuse 10 years ago after the Oakland hills fire, when some homeowners unfairly blamed the firemen for their houses burning down.

(If you had been there — and I was — you'd know that the fire was so huge, nobody could have stopped it. If the wind hadn't changed miraculously, it would have burned all the way to the Bay.)

When we were little kids, we thought that a firefighter was the greatest hero in the world. And you know what? We were right.

E-mail Martin Snapp at catmanAcalifornia.com or call him at 510-273-9039.

Returning native son has designs on El Cerrito

DO YOU LOVE it when a young person who started his life in one place returns, with family in tow, to his roots? That is what Hiram has done. The opening of his Hiram Design Group in El Cerrito — just a few miles from where he grew up, in the Richmond area, where he was



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

School. After high school, he took a year off, then attended Laney College, where he took basic courses and art classes. He later graduated from the Academy of Arts College in San Francisco, with a bachelor of fine arts degree.

His started working at a sign shop in Oakland, doing interior and exterior signs and learning product management. He also worked in sales for a small print shop, also in Oakland. Another job found him managing a movie theater on Piedmont Avenue for seven years. He loved the Piedmont area.

For four and a half years, he worked in sales in San Francisco, while looking for graphic design jobs.

"The commute killed me," he says. Being in sales, he had to drive in every day. Rodney, whose mother is Swedish and whose father is Hawaiian, met Lena — who also is Swedish — at the Young

Scandinavian Club. She was an au pair when they met, but wanted to go into something to do with sports. On a special visa she attended the National Holistic Institute in Emeryville for a year, studying massage.

Just before she returned to Sweden, he proposed. "I didn't want to lose her," Rodney said. "I wanted her to come back."

Wanting to work on this side of the Bay, and having learned much about the design business and about working with people, he decided it was time to open his own business. Thus was born Hiram Design Group — the "Group" comes from the several specialties he works with.

"I have a strategic partnership with several of them: signs, printing, promotional items, and so forth."

His first visitor when he opened his shop was his third-grade teacher, which delighted him. She said how nice it was to have one of the local products come back. He joined the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Richmond Chamber; did some work for the Save the Plunge Trust in Richmond, and is now on its board, where he built its Web site. One of his first jobs was designing a new logo for the

Richmond Chamber of Commerce. He has also worked on a recruiting brochure for the El Cerrito Police Department.

Rodney spoke at a career fair at Kennedy High School, and has joined the Richmond Workforce Investment Board, where he is trying to make jobs available to young graduates. The board oversees Richmond Works.

Rodney shakes his head about the closing of shop classes in the schools; he wonders where young people will start training to be plumbers or electricians: fundamental positions that are so important, he says.

His business is housed in what was a small restaurant across from Fatapple's. He speaks of the other businesses around him and his joy in being part of the El Cerrito community.

It was fun to speak with the ambitious, busy young man, and welcome him back into the community (a little late. He has been in business over two years) As always, I invite all of you to give me your ideas of interesting people. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

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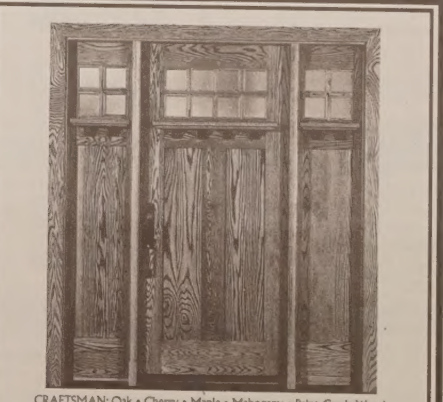
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It's a hero's welcome for FDNY firefighter

■ Member of Engine 6, which lost four members on Sept. 11, is shown the best of Berkeley

By Martin Snapp
CORRESPONDENT

Berkeley has played host over the years to presidents, prime ministers and Nobel laureates. But never was the city more honored than last weekend, when it hosted Kenny King, a New York City firefighter.

King, a 20-year veteran of the New York's historic Engine Company No. 6, was here with his wife Carolyn as guests of Mayor Shirley Dean and Fire Chief Reg Garcia. Their visit was part of the "Cities Unite America and Thank New York Firefighters" program sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

And they couldn't stop raving about two things: the people and the food. "I can't get over how nice you folks are in Berkeley!" King marveled, as his wife nodded enthusiastic assent.

As for food, they quickly found out why part of Berkeley is called the Gourmet Ghetto. They were wine and dined by some of the city's best restaurants: Chez Panisse, Downtown, and Skates (where a waitress slipped them the secret recipe for Skates' cinnamon rolls). They also sailed on the Bay, saw "Culture Clash in America" at the Berkeley Rep (and got a standing O when it was announced that they were in the audience), and shmoozed with Berkeley firefighters.

All these businesses donated their services, as did the Radisson Hotel at the Marina, which put them up, and Delta Airlines, which flew them here. Delta even bent the rules and allowed Mayor Dean and her entourage past the security checkpoints so they could greet the Kings at the gate.

The mayor almost got busted when the nail scissors in her purse set off the metal detector. Fortunately, a Delta representative intervened, telling the guard, "She's OK; she's the mayor."

Next Tuesday will be the six-month anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, but for King it feels like yesterday.

He was at home on Staten Island that day, enjoying his day off. But as soon as he heard that the first tower had been hit, he and his fellow firefighter Marco Silva raced to the Staten Island Ferry. They were joined by scores of other firemen, all trying to get to Manhattan.

"My firehouse is just a few blocks away from the World Trade Center, and I knew my guys would be among the first to respond," he told the Voice. "By the time our ferry left the terminal, the South Tower was already down. All Marc and I could do was pray for the North Tower, because we knew our guys were probably still inside."

As the ferry boat passed the Statue of Liberty, the North Tower began to crumble. King grabbed Silva's arm. "Marc — the guys!" he said in disbelief.

"I know, Kenny, I know," was all Silva could say, as they watched helplessly while their friends were being murdered.

The ferry trip took only 22 minutes, but to King and Silva it felt like an eternity. The boat docked at the terminal, a few blocks from Ground Zero. As the firemen walked down the ramp from the boat, they were greeted by an unbelievable sight: The ramp was lined on both sides by

thousands of refugees from the war zone, hoping to take the ferry back to Staten Island. They were dazed, disheveled, covered in dust from the explosion. Some were distraught. Many were in pain. All were frightened and exhausted.

"And yet," said King, "even in their worst hour of despair, these desperate people somehow managed to gradually put their hands together in applause. It kept building and building until it crescendoed to a level that made us feel like we were the New York Yankees and had just won the seventh game of the World Series!"

Seven men from Engine 6 went into the North Tower that day. Only three came out. Lt. Thomas O'Hagan and firefighters Tom O'Holohan, Billy Johnston, and King's best friend, Paul Beyer, perished, leaving many small children without their daddies. "They could have gotten out, they could have saved themselves," said King, "but they didn't. They chose to save others, instead."

In the weeks that followed, King worked tirelessly at Ground Zero. "On most of the days when we were digging on the pile, Kenny would stay long after most of us were headed back to the firehouse for a break," his fellow firefighter, Vincent Palmieri, told the Journal. "His pursuit for our lost brothers was relentless."

Engine Company No. 6 is older than the country it serves. It was founded in 1756, 20 years before the Declaration of Independence. On May 23, 1850, the company elected its most famous — some would say notorious — foreman: William Marcy Tweed, aka "Boss Tweed" of Tammany Hall, who used Engine No. 6 as a prime source of political patronage.

At the time, the company's fire truck had a tiger's head painted on the back. It was from this painting that Tweed's arch-enemy, the famous cartoonist Thomas Nast, got the idea of using a tiger as the symbol of Tammany Hall. And to this day, the firefighters of Engine Company No. 6 still refer to themselves as "The Tigers."

The Tigers are currently raising money to help the families of their four fallen brothers. "We use the cash to fill the cracks that the big charities miss," said King. "Small stuff, like flowers on Valentine's Day for their widows or birthday presents for their children."

If you'd like to help, send your contribution to the Engine 6 Memorial Fund, 49 Beekman St., New York, NY 10038. Better yet, log on to the Tigers' Web site at www.fdnengine6.org, where you can find out more about the Tigers and purchase authentic Engine No. 6 T-shirts, sweat shirts, pins and patches online.

"You have a wonderful city," said King. "My wife and I are so grateful for the chance to personally thank the members of the Berkeley Fire Department and the residents of Berkeley for their support for New York after Sept. 11. And we're so grateful for the kindness that so many people have shown us while we were here."



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KINDERGARTEN at Prospect Sierra welcomed the Year of the Horse by with a Feb. 11 program of learning about the celebration of Chinese New Year. They also listened to read books, practiced calligraphy with brush, made dragon puppets, puppet plays, and noise makers for the dragon. From left to right: Zephie Cortesi of Berkeley, Francesca Karmali of Berkeley, and Dany Kirsch of Berkeley.

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Oakland Hills home featured in 'Made in America' is for sale

BY RUBY NG
 COLDWELL BANKER

OAKLAND — The East Bay home that served as the theatrical backdrop for the 1990's comedy hit "Made in America," featuring Ted Danson and Whoopi Goldberg, has been listed for sale for \$1,975,000 by Coldwell Banker.

Located at 13099 Skyline Boulevard, the home received national attention following the release of the movie on major cable channels and on video throughout North America. The hilltop estate served as the home to the fictional car dealer Hal Jackson (Danson).

The home was designed and built in 1991 by the architect firm of Robert A.M. Stern. The estate's designs are said to have been inspired by their client-centered approach and integration of modern Art Deco design, which is described as a "graciousness of a simpler time." The firm's work has been published in architectural magazines including Architectural Digest, Professional Builder, and Sunset Magazine and Sun/Coast Architect.

The estate's meticulous craftsmanship is represented in this five-bedroom, three-bath estate. The home is a masterpiece of design. One of the estate's features is a black-and-gold marble fireplace provides a unique backdrop which frames views of the Golden Gate and Bay Bridge. On a

clear day one can see the Golden Gate, Bay Bridge, San Mateo and Dumbarton bridges.

Other features of this remarkable estate are an office with custom-made Art Deco glass doors featuring white-stained birch cabinets. The modern gourmet kitchen was designed with entertaining in mind. Included are five ovens, a five-burner cook top, a gas barbecue, separate SubZero freezer and refrigerator and two sinks. The butler's pantry has a broad counter for staging and glass dish cabinets. The walk-in pantry has appliance counters, wine storage and many cabinets. The kitchen opens to the main deck for dramatic outside dining.

Visually separated from the kitchen is the family room with a spiral staircase encased in glass block which leads to the upstairs and the master suite. A sliding glass door opens to the main deck. A second glass block spiral staircase descends to the exercise room, which features a greenhouse window, ceiling speakers with separate controls, a bath with a steam shower and dressing rooms which lead to a private pool.

The pool has its own waterfall. Additional outdoor features are a spa with views of the Oakland hills and a built-in gas barbecue. The home is close to the East Bay Regional Park System which offers a host of hiking, biking and riding trails.

Despite the drama of the 12-foot ceilings in the sunken living room, a cool and soothing atmosphere prevails. A black-and-gold marble fireplace provides a unique backdrop which frames views of the Golden Gate and Bay Bridge. On a

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THIS ECLECTIC art deco style home has sweeping views of all four Bay Area bridges

The master suite has a fireplace trimmed in white marble with a television alcove over the fireplace and a superb walk-in closet. The master bath has two pedestal sinks, a bidet, custom cabinets, a shower with two heads and a generous tub. A private deck just off the suite is situated to provide dramatic views

of sunsets over the Golden Gate and Bay bridges.

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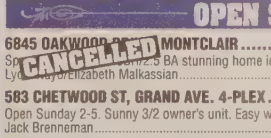
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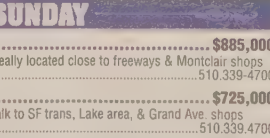
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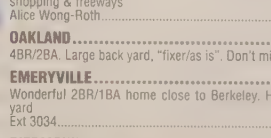
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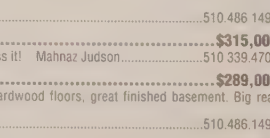
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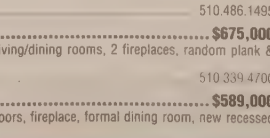
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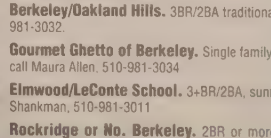
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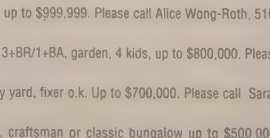
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Remembering when things were simpler for first-time buyers

A return to June 1999

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I bought my first house more than 30 years ago. I was so excited about having my own garden that I couldn't wait to plant it. Before my husband and I moved in, I got permission from the sellers to put a bed of irises by the front walkway.

There was another, cheaper house we were interested in, but our agent nixed the idea. She was worried about the neighborhood. We were in our early 20s — innocent and optimistic — and didn't know enough to share (or confirm) our agent's concern, but we made an offer instead on the house she felt was better located.

The house cost \$18,000, cheaper than some others because of the busy Berkeley street on which it was located. This was good because we couldn't afford more. In those days "everyone" got married and bought a house.

We'd been married a few years but it wasn't until my husband finished graduate school and got a teaching job that we could buy, and although the price seems a pittance today, it was a stretch for us to make the loan payments.

We borrowed the down payment from my parents, but there wasn't enough money to buy a refrigerator.



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A friend gave us an old one that still kept things cold but nothing frozen. The seller sold us the lime green living room rug. It was not what I would have picked, but it was clean and it made a soft place to sit on the floor.

We didn't like the kitchen in our house much, but we didn't cook a lot, so it was OK. We did have wonderful push-out windows, oak plank floors, and a fireplace. Plus there was a sunny garden space with a good-sized pear tree.

The contract then was a single page. It said, in essence, "We'll buy your house for \$18,000 if we can get a loan." The agent wrote it up in a few minutes and we signed just once at the bottom.

The agent also filled out our loan application, called several banks until she found the lowest interest rate (25 years, fixed rate, no choice), and that was that. Only a portion of my salary was counted towards qualifying for the loan as lenders in those days reasoned that I might get pregnant and have to stop

working. In fact, I think I had to sign a paper stating that I was not pregnant at the time.

There was no such thing as having a house inspected before you bought it. We had a termite report but knew nothing of asbestos or earthquake proofing. There were no seller disclosures or home warranties. It was pretty true in those days that if the roof leaked after the house was yours, either you found the money to fix it, or you lived with water on your floor.

Our agent told us we'd have to live in the house for at least five years before we'd be able to sell and get our money back. Not long after we moved in, when BART was being planned, we were thrilled to find that a BART station was to be built a few blocks away. We figured the proximity would eventually raise the value of our house.

As it turned out, about three years after buying, we sold. BART had not yet arrived, and we did lose money, but we were never sorry we had bought the house.

We moved in and nested. I pored over home and garden magazines, and we changed things, not all of them for the better. For example, I decided to make over the bathroom. The paint store people told me I could paint the ceramic tile with a special product. I followed the directions carefully but the result was not right. I thought the tile

looked better white, but the surface had an unsatisfactory ripply look.

My husband, who had never built anything in his life, thought we needed a little deck in the garden. He bought the lumber, a hand saw and a hammer, and began. Unfortunately, he laid the supporting two-by-fours down flat, then nailed the deck on top. We thought it was fine until one day someone came to visit and pointed out the error.

We were very interested in the visuals of the house and spent a lot of time painting it. But we knew nothing about house maintenance. I'm sure we never changed the furnace filter, drained the hot water heater, or cleaned the gutters. But we did make improvements. We added sliding doors to the garden so it wasn't necessary to go all the way around the house to get there, installed a pretty new bathroom vanity and sink, and planted a copper beech tree in the front yard.

Our friends came for barbecues, we acquired dogs and kittens, and bought a few pieces of furniture on credit. We played pinocle on Friday nights around the dining room table and turned the stereo up too loud. Having a house cost us more than renting and involved a lot of our weekend time, but it felt good to be in our own place.

In some ways, buyers and buying are different now. For one thing, not everyone buys a house these

days. Many first-time buyers are older than my husband and I were, in part because houses cost more. And, I would guess, most people pay a larger percentage of their income to live in their houses now than was true when we bought.

Buyers today know more, and they're generally pickier about what they buy than buyers in the past. They shop loans and get bids for foundation bolting and chimney bracing; they climb the ladder to look for themselves at the roof flashing.

But there aren't any more perfect houses than there ever were. Buyers still have to make compromises. Maybe the kitchen in the house they've chosen isn't to their liking, but like us, it's enough to have beautiful windows and a sunny garden. The real problem today is that there are so many buyers competing with one another.

It's a hard market for buyers. They educate themselves, prepare, line up a loan. Then they look and look at houses until they locate one they'd like to buy. Here is the mad part: At other times they'd have to decide how much less than the asking price to offer. These days they take note of how many other offers there will be, gird their loins and pray, then offer as much over asking as they have the stomach for. Even so, they frequently lose.

It's hard for buyers to have to

pick themselves up. In a house, to have faith in the house, to be all right. Buyers agents who have seen several houses are a bit weary.

What to do? Buy house? The answer is "just any house," or even, "It has to be a house."

Which house is important today because "homes" are so tremendously different. Physical parts of the house, including innumerable details, make all the difference. The placement of the who lives next door, the groceries, freeway access and shape and number of how the sun hits the house, there are trees outside the door and on the

It seems only natural, ers, just like in other markets, look at houses and find one that they would commit to buying. It is unsuccessful in many own, their only path to other love and comfort.

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What is a pre-sale inspection? No surprises during the closing

Due to rising home prices, increased consumer awareness and seller disclosure requirements, today's buyers focus more attention on property condition than was the case a decade or two ago. No one wants to buy a home wrought with problems that will become a drain on their finances. To avoid making a costly mistake, most buyers make their purchase offers contingent on having the property inspected by qualified professionals.

An inspection contingency gives buyers permission to inspect the property, usually within 7 to 10 days after the seller accepts their offer. If the inspections reveal unanticipated defects the purchase contract may become subject to renegotiation. Or, depending on how the inspection contingency is written, the contract may be cancelable at the buyer's option.

A pre-sale inspection is an in-



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formation both parties have about the property's condition, the better able they are to negotiate a mutually acceptable price. Pre-sale inspections also reduce the risk of the transaction falling apart due to defects discovered during the buyer's inspections.

For example, let's say you're listing your home for sale. The last time the property was inspected for termites and other wood destroying pests was when you purchased the property twenty years ago. If you market your home without ordering a pre-sale inspection, any offer from a buyer will probably be contingent upon the buyer's approval of a current pest report.

In many areas, it's customary for sellers to pay for termite damage that occurred during their period of ownership. If this is the case, the contract will also need to be contingent on your approval of the ter-

mite report.

If the termite report identifies more damage than either of you anticipated, your deal could fall apart.

In that case, you would have to put your home back on the market and search for another buyer. This can be avoided if you have the property inspected for wood pests before you offer it for sale.

Buyers, particularly if they are purchasing a property in its "as is" condition, feel more confident making an offer if they have reviewed inspection reports before making an offer. Some buyers, however, will wonder whether it's a good idea to rely on inspection reports that were ordered by the seller.

Sellers who order pre-sale inspections should use reputable local professionals to perform inspections. Buyers will have a higher comfort level with your reports if their agent can vouch for the trust-

worthiness and experience of the inspector.

Even so, pre-sale inspections should not be viewed as a substi-

tute for a buyer's mortgage contingency. Buyers should

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cans' respiratory systems. Homes that can't "breathe" can't dilute pollutants contained in building and decorating products.

Check ventilation

Indoor pollution sources that release gases or particles into the air are the primary cause of indoor air-quality problems. Inadequate ventilation can increase indoor pollutant levels by not providing enough outdoor air to dilute emissions from indoor sources, and by not carrying indoor air pollutants out. This allows concentrations to build up. High temperature and humidity levels also can increase concentrations of some pollutants.

All these pollutants have one

thing in common — they contain chemicals that are part of a larger class of chemicals known as volatile organic compounds. VOCs are organic (carbon-based) chemicals that evaporate readily at room temperature. VOCs typically are found in high indoor concentrations in dry-cleaned clothing; chloroform from chlorinated water; benzene from tobacco smoke (one of the leading indoor air pollutants); formaldehyde from fabrics, pressed wood products and insulation; styrene found in adhesives, foam, lubricants, plastics, carpets and insulation; methylene chloride from paint strippers; and carbon tetrachloride from paint removers.

Pollution everywhere

Other potential sources of indoor air pollution are central heating, cooling and dehumidification systems, household cleaning and maintenance products, outdoor sources, such as pesticides and biological contaminants, such as animal dander, mold and cockroaches.

While indoor air pollution affects people differently, in general, short-term exposure might cause immediate effects such as headaches, dizziness and allergies. Long-term exposures can result in respiratory disease, heart disease and cancer, all of which can be debilitating or fatal.

Building-related illness is an identifiable disease or illness that can be traced to a specific pollutant or source within a building. In contrast, the term "sick building/home syndrome" is used to describe situations in which building occupants experience acute health and comfort effects that appear to be linked to time spent in a building, but where no specific illness or cause can be identified. Both syndromes are associated with acute or immediate health problems.

Take the offensive

While this is not particularly good news, awareness is the first step in creating a more healthful indoor environment and improving your health. Your best defense against

indoor air pollution is a strong offense. First, identify and control sources of pollution to reduce and prevent indoor air contamination. This can range from changing house-cleaning products to airing out freshly dry-cleaned clothing to tossing out formaldehyde-containing furniture.

Equally important is improving ventilation. Proper ventilation — the mixing of indoor air with outdoor air — can revitalize the air in your home and protect your health.

Since cigarette smoke is one of the greatest contributors to indoor air pollution, smoking indoors is a no-no. Similarly, fireplaces and other fuel-burning appliances (water heaters, furnaces, stoves, etc.) should be properly adjusted and vented to the exterior. Doing so will prevent carbon monoxide poisoning and improve the efficiency of the appliance.

Adequately sized exhaust fans should be used wherever moisture and combustion are present in the bathroom, laundry and kitchen. A bath fan, for example, will help to dissipate chloroform gas, which is a byproduct of chlorinated water. It also will remove excessive moisture that can lead to mold, which can produce yet more health hazards.

Watch out for the big 3

There are other indoor air pollutants that deserve your attention, such as asbestos, lead and radon. The first two were used pervasively in building products before being outlawed by the EPA in the late 1970s. The rule of thumb with asbestos and lead is that it is best left alone if it is in good shape and not peeling or crumbling. Asbestos or lead should not be scraped or sanded and should be removed only by a professional abatement contractor with the proper equipment. Moreover, testing should be performed after the abatement process to ensure air quality.

Radon, on the other hand, is a naturally occurring gas that is derived from uranium in the ground. Radon can make its way into a home through cracks in foundation or basement walls. Small amounts of radon can be controlled by seal-

second set of eyes scrutinize the property can't hurt.

THE CLOSING: It's far better to discover property defects before closing rather than after. This enables buyers to make an informed decision. And, it can protect sellers from being sued after closing.

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Symptoms of a 'sick' house

"Sick house" describes homes with poor, even hazardous, living environments that develop because the house cannot "breathe." As a result, the living area becomes congested with internal pollutants.



Smoking reduces air quality

Pressed wood cabinets are another source of pollutants in the home

VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) are a type of internal pollutant and can be harmful. Short-term exposure to VOCs can cause headaches, nausea and irritate the eyes, throat and nose

'Cure' your home from VOCs

Moisture

Run bathroom vent fan when showering to discourage mold growth

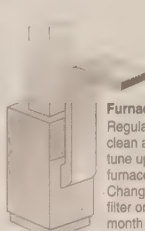


Carpets

To reduce VOCs in carpets, air them out before using them.

Cupboard

Open up a cupboard door and smell. If it smells "funny," formaldehyde may be present. If you see discolored walls, it may be mold. If you're unsure, have the home professionally tested.



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Landlord liable to injured child tenant?

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On a hot summer day, 3-year-old DeJoure fell 25 feet to the ground from the open bedroom window of the third-floor apartment he lived with his mother and brother. DeJoure sustained serious injuries that left him permanently paralyzed and mentally disabled.

DeJoure's behalf, his father, the landlord, Wilfredo, for negligence to provide a screen on the window. Wilfredo testified, "As my duties as owner, I have performed the routine maintenance and repairs to the apartment buildings." Evidence at the trial showed Wilfredo had promised the times to have the missing window screen replaced.

An engineer expert witness submitted a declaration that the unprotected window of the apartment "manifestly and obviously" was the cause of the fall. But landlord Wilfredo's attorney argued the purpose of window screens is to keep insects out, not active little boys like De-

where the judge, would the landlord Wilfredo can be held for DeJoure's injury damages. The judge said yes.

DeJoure is not all-purpose injured. His tenants' safety, he explained. But in this case, he ruled, landlord Wilfredo

promised on several occasions to replace the missing window screen, which might have deterred DeJoure from falling out the window while his mother was in the next room.

For there to be liability by the landlord for DeJoure's injuries, there must be a duty, the judge emphasized. But in this situation, landlord Wilfredo repeatedly promised to provide a window screen and failed to do so, the judge noted.

"We believe that the failure to install safe window screens does not create a sufficient certainty that the accident that took place here would occur; that the connection between the landlord's omission and the injury is significant; that the omission is morally blameworthy; and that the foreseeability of parents' inattention creates all the more reason why the landlord should have acted," the judge wrote.

Under the circumstances of this case, the judge ruled, there is an issue of fact whether the landlord's breach of his covenant or his negligence was the proximate cause of DeJoure's serious injuries. The negligence of the parents for not closely supervising their child might entitle the landlord Wilfredo to equitable indemnification from them. The case shall be retried, the judge concluded.

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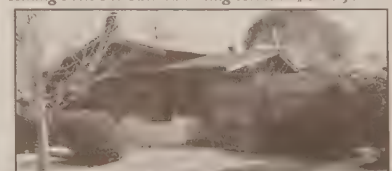
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shop for first-time homebuyers with a soup to nuts overview of all aspects of the home buying process. The class is conducted by Mortgage Broker, **Karen Ward** of RE Loan Mortgage and **Jim Parkhurst** of Prudential California Realty. Albany is the location and the date is Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no cost for the class, but reservations are a must. For reservations call the Workshop Hotline at 510-718-2134.

Green Remodeling Workshop
Planning on remodeling? Think green! This free Green Remodeling Workshop will help homeowners learn to lower their utility bills and

use healthier building materials. The workshop is Wednesday, March 13, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. It will be held at the Builders Booksource on Fourth Street in Berkeley. The facilitator is Architect **Nancy Malone** of Siegel & Strain Architects. Each attendee receives a copy of *Residential Green Building Guidelines*, on how to remodel home in an environmentally sound manner. The Resource-full Showcase, a 28-foot trailer with product information for contractors and homeowners, will be available for participants to visit. The Alameda

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NEW LISTING SWEEPING PARKLANDS VIEW



Open Sunday, March 10, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

5195 PARKRIDGE DRIVE, OAKLAND

Located just steps away from a national hiking trail and with a sweeping parklands view, this 3+BR, 2BA home brings nature to your doorstep! The updated kitchen and bathrooms and the "plus" room add to its appeal. This is a great house in a great neighborhood!

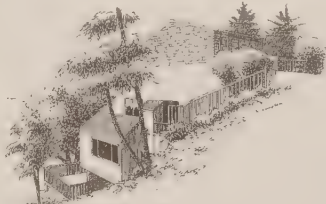


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2259 MASTLANDS DRIVE, OAKLAND

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New Listings!



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Owners unit is extensively upgraded. Remodeled kitchen, and bath. Hardwood floors. Flexible plan allows for use as 2 bedrooms with a formal dining or as 3 bedrooms. • Well-designed one bedroom rental with separate meters. Landscaped level corner lot with deck and 2 car garage.

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4432 Tulip Ave Open Sunday 2-4:30
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812 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD

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OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4. 4256 SUTER ST. PRICE REDUCED ON THIS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED, 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath, approximately 1201 square feet. Large living & dining room, fireplace, laundry area. Long driveway, tool sheds. \$272,000. Moon Tam. 510-747-1620.

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1362 E. 27th. NEW CHINATOWN AREA. 5 units plus 3 bedroom home on large lot. Needs TLC. \$825,000. Mary Ann Herber. 510-568-2040.

PANORAMIC WAY. 2 LOTS. These lots are located side by side in a beautiful wooded area with a great view of the San Francisco Bay Area. Priced at \$45,000. Kathy Ghiselli. 510-522-6425.

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\$188,000 3W Embarcadero 227. Quaint super private unit on second floor with carport parking. One bedroom with double doors. Walk to Jack London waterfront. Next to channel "2". Donnaluci 510-814-4826

\$325,000 830 Pine St. Perfect for live/work! Approx. 1400 sq. ft. 14' ceiling, skylights, & roll up door. Needs work! Good location Kathy 510-814-4706

\$325,000 1366 34th St. OPEN SAT & SUN 10-4. Live-work opportunity in loft-style converted Victorian. New foundation. Downstairs legal height. Wonderful raised bed garden. Can be used residential or commercial Kathy 510-814-4706

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\$329,000 1182 14th St. Property is in residential zone. Can be used as commercial. Owner work OK. 3+ bedrooms, on street parking. Kathy 510-814-4706

\$68,000 62 Santa Margarita. Spacious double-wide mobile home. Great location! 2bd, 2ba, full kitchen, laundry room, and lot. 2 car carport and storage. Senior Citizen Park. 55+ required. Chuck. 510-814-4847

\$295,000 13851 Seagate Dr. Lovely floor plan, bright sunny. 3+ bedrooms, 2+ baths all appliances. Full laundry room. Close to golf, restaurants. Tere 510-814-4840

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\$270,000 14413 Soquel Ave. 2 bd 1 ba. Near BART. PENDING

\$329,000 2507 Geary St. 3 bd. dining inside courts spa and view. PENDING

\$395,000 1234 Arroyo Dr. 3 bd. 1 ba. 1 car. PENDING

\$277,000 14380 Outcrop. OPEN SUN 2-4. Spacious townhome with view. PENDING

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\$369,000 15889 Via Granada. SAT 2-4. Charming townhome with open concept, skylights, panoramic views. PENDING

\$599,000 33448 8th St. 4+ bedrooms, 3+ baths, 3 car garage. PENDING

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6919 BRISTOL DRIVE \$1,080,000
Exquisite contemporary with traditional designer touches. Three master suites; 5 bedrooms, four baths total. Family room & fabulous kitchen. Debra Dryden



5033 PROCTOR AVENUE \$995,000
Distinctive Spanish Mediterranean w/sweeping SF and bridge views. 4BR/3.5BA, Mizner tile floors, custom ironwork, and beautiful archways. Sherry Benninger



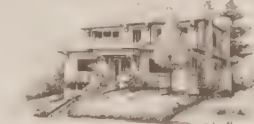
1850 LEIMERT BLVD \$879,000
This Country English Storybook w/timeless design elements, handcrafted wood detailing & whimsical grounds. 4BR/3BA & library. Sherry Benninger



958 PARK LANE \$699,000
Dramatic living room, vaulted ceilings, French doors open to patio, random plank floors. Character abounds. 4+BR/2.5BA, level out to garden. Judith Cain



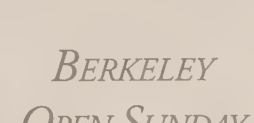
6125 ASPINWALL ROAD \$675,000
Lovely wooded site w/exceptional privacy. 4BR/4BA. Open floor plan. Library, new kitchen, rumpus & home office. Includes adjacent lot. Elizabeth Dickson
801 OAKLAND AVENUE \$599,000
PIEDMONT: Delightful home w/BR/1BA, spacious eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, beautiful garden. Great location. close to school & shops. Jill Carrigan



725 HILLGERT CIRCLE \$559,000
Spectacular home with all the traditional touches. Living room w/high ceilings, crown molding & stone fireplace. Updated kitchen/family room. Kurt Buchholz



4388 TERRABELLA PLACE \$419,000
This beautifully maintained home features a traditional floorplan w/3BR/2BA, master suite, hardwood floors & modern kitchen. 2-car garage. Sherry Benninger



309 4TH STREET \$399,500
Unique townhouse style loft w/ private courtyard & fountain. 2BR/1BA sharp & contemporary good looks lots of upgrades. Bettina Balestrieri



1555 LAKESIDE DRIVE #30 \$365,000
Enjoy the fabulous views in this 2BR/2BA unit in a lakefront building. Bright and beautiful. Near downtown and BART. 24 hour doorman. Ed Kuo



320 CALDECOTT LN #212 \$345,000
Fabulous "Piedmont" condo with views, light, numerous upgrades, pool, gym and security. Conveniently located for SF commute. Tricia Swift



372/374 45TH STREET \$315,000
Temescal duplex/Victorian flats. Investment opportunity. Income or owner could occupy. Needs work. 3BR/1BA up & 1BR/1BA down. Tricia Swift



BERKELEY OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 P.M.

111 ALVARADO ROAD \$950,000
Wonderful 3++BR/3BA brown shingle on a fabulous street. Large living room w/stone fireplace. Dining room w/built-ins. Updated eat-in kitchen. Beautiful architectural detail. Close to Claremont Spa. Karen Starr



76 THE PLAZA NEW LISTING \$795,000
One level living in prime Claremont neighborhood! 3BR/3BA, formal dining, private garden, 2-car garage/studio. Move-in condition. Great location close to BART & shops. Bebe McRae



PIEDMONT - By APPOINTMENT

PIEDMONT ELEGANCE \$2,707,500
Contemporary chic with a relaxed elegant environment are present in this spacious home! The gorgeous gardens embrace the poolside setting. Angela Wei Grubb



CENTRAL PIEDMONT \$1,295,000
4BR/3.5BA. Gracious living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, sunny eat-in kitchen w/French doors to deck & adjacent family room. Garden & view! Carolyn Jones



SOPHISTICATED \$795,000
Sophisticated living in central Piedmont. Large, gracious living room opens to dining and rear patio. 4BR/2+BA. Beautiful move-in condition. Mindy Scott



MEDITERRANEAN \$1,935,000
Mediterranean showcase w/expansive gardens, European kitchen, sumptuous master retreat. The perfect place for a distinctive lifestyle of comfort & harmony. Sandra Vogl



VERY STYLISH HOME \$879,000
Spacious and stylish quality custom home in private setting. 5BR/3BA, spacious kitchen, large rumpus and level exterior areas. Sheila Gallagher



CHARMING PIEDMONT \$559,000
Simply charming 2BR/1.5BA starter home on a great street. Close to schools. Lovely gardens complete with picket fence. Eat-in kitchen. Josephine O'Shaughnessy



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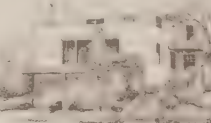
THOUSAND OAKS HILLS \$1,850,000
Executive retreat in the prestigious Thousand Oaks neighborhood! Carr Jones designed home on a private double lot. Bebe McRae
MEDITERRANEAN \$1,750,000
Magnificent Mediterranean with 3/4 acre of park-like grounds. 4BR, au-pair suite, grand proportions, elegant detail! Bebe McRae



BROWN SHINGLE \$925,000
Located on one of Berkeley Hills finest streets, beautiful brown shingle w/Bay view & level yard. 5++BR/2 full BA, 2 half BA, separate studio/office w/1/2 BA. Ruth Frassetto
ELMWOOD CRAFTSMAN \$770,000
Convenient central floorplan! 5++BR/2BA+ studio w/half bath! Private garden with a variety of fruit trees. Off street parking. Susie Schevill



THE ARLINGTON \$585,000
Exceptionally large 3BR/2BA 2-story home! Grand piano size living room! Eat-in kitchen opening to garden! 1/2 block from all urban amenities. Garage! Chris Cohn
CONTEMPORARY \$429,000
3 BD/3 BA 2-story, side by side townhouse style condo. New kitchen & baths. Fenced yard. Close to Fwy access & 4th Street shops. Lori Lombardo



OAKLAND -By APPOINTMENT

VIEW ESTATE \$2,500,000
Watch the sunset from this phenomenal new Spanish with approx 6,500 sq. ft. Elevator. Front courtyard, terraces, level garden & the finest finishes. Debra J. Dryden



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$565,000
A charming vintage home w/original woodwork & spacious sun-filled rooms, staircase in turret leads to 3BR upstairs. Lovely garden & deck. Judith Cain



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$399,000
Charming Redwood Heights home w/sunny eat-in kitchen, spacious living room & cathedral ceiling. 2BR/1.5BA, family room opens to garden. Nancy Lehrkind



CROCKER TRADITIONAL \$929,000
Elegant Tudor w/gracious formal rooms, hardwood floors, great kitchen/family room, 3+BR and separate in-law unit. Michelle Winchester



ROCKRIDGE BUNGALOW \$429,000
Wonderful 2BR/1BA home. Living room with fireplace, formal dining room, updated kitchen with breakfast nook, hardwood floors & level garden. Kurt Buchholz



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$389,000
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County Waste Management Authority and Recycling Board sponsors this event. For questions contact public affairs director, **Bruce Goddard**, at 510-614-1699.

"Our Houses"
The Alameda Museum presents the "Our Houses" lecture series for 2002. Prominent Bay Area authors and historians narrate the slide lectures. The museum is on Alameda Avenue near Park Street in Alameda. The series is scheduled through June. Thursday, March 28 is the next lecture in the series. **Paul Roberts** is the presenter of "A Passion for Pattianni", an exploration of the work of Alameda builder Alfred Washington Pattianni, an early designer of Queen-Anne style houses. The projector slide show will demonstrate Pattianni's life and work. Call 510-748-0796 for information.

Remodel! Renovate!
The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. For information on classes and costs call the center. Contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit the website at bldgeduct.org.

Home Buying 101
Attend a free first-time home buyer's workshop. Senior loan consultant **Stan Johnson** of First Security Loans presents ongoing seminars for those interested in learning the ins and outs of home buying. A variety of topics are covered, in-

cluding how to buy for no money down. To register for a future seminar call 510-614-2433.

BAR NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Attend the Berkeley Association of Realtors monthly networking luncheon. The next one begins at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, March 13. The speaker is County Supervisor **Keith Carson** on "Affordable Housing". The luncheon is held at the BAR Auditorium; reservations are a must. Contact **Don Clark** at the BAR office for information and reservations at 510-848-4288.

ARPB NETWORK BREAKFAST

The Associated Real Property Brokers (ARPB) holds a networking breakfast on the third Wednesday of every month. This month's breakfast is from 8 to 10 a.m., March 10. The Oak Tree Grille on Embarcadero in Oakland is the location. Real estate agents are encouraged to bring flyers and market their properties. The meeting is open for all. For more information call **Tyrene Cooley** of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

RENTAL HOUSING MEETING

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County offers a membership meeting monthly. Non-members are also invited to attend. The next meeting is at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, March 21. The meeting is held at the Greek Orthodox Church, on Lincoln Avenue, in Oakland. Topics for the evening will be lead remediation, Oakland's new rent ordinance and insurance coverage. For information and registration call the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

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Choose from different backdrops, black-and-white or color photos and hair and make-up help. Pose in business and casual attire. You will receive 24 photos with negatives, suitable for transfer to a CD. The photographer is **Craig Merrill** of Merrill Photographic. For reservations and cost information call **Ingrid Westgard** at 510-339-2380.

COMMERCIAL BROKERS WANTED

Bob Valva of Valva Realty invites Oakland real estate brokers to attend the Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Committee. According to Valva the group was appointed years ago by the Oakland mayor to facilitate city sales and leasing. The committee's purpose is to help build Oakland. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 12, at the OAR Auditorium on Webster Street. Call Valva at 510-451-7317.

SEMINAR AT OAR

The Oakland Association of Realtors presents a half-day seminar to renew your real estate license. Attend and earn all 45 DRE credit hours at once. The seminar includes Agency, Ethics, Trust Funds and Fair Housing. The instructor will be "The Real Estate Guys" talk show host, **Charlie Krackeler**. The seminar is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday March 8. For more information about attending to renew your license call 800-54-RENEW. Additional seminars are held on weekday mornings in a variety of Bay area locations. Call for additional dates and locations.

DAY AT THE RACES FOR WCR

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter is co-sponsoring their annual "Day At The Races". The event is planned for

Wednesday, March 20 at the Golden Gate Fields Turf Club. The cost is \$30 per person and includes a buffet beginning at noon. Post time for the first race is 12:45 p.m. with the last race at 4:30 p.m. WCR's "Day At The Races" is held in conjunction with the San Francisco and Contra Costa chapters. Reservations are a must. Contact **Lee Jacobson** of Pacific Union at 510-339-6460, ext. 309.

MEETINGS FOR MORTGAGE PROFESSIONALS

CARL March Meeting
The California Association of Residential Lenders presents their March dinner meeting on Thursday, March 14, with a social hour at 6 p.m. The guest speaker is **Cynthia A. Kroll, Ph.D.** speaking on "Current California Real Estate Trends," at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. For reservations call the CARL Hotline at 925-746-1847.

CAMB Dinner And Seminar
"Trust and Title" is the topic of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers East Bay Chapter's March dinner/seminar. The seminar presenter is **Steven E. Davidson** of Davidson, Sheehan & Jewel. Davidson will lead attendees through the complicated subject of holding title to property. The event is 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, March 21, at the Crow Canyon Country Club. The CAMB Hotline is 925-275-2663.

Breakfast Club
Join the lively Wednesday morning breakfast meetings, presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held every Wednesday at American Title in Walnut Creek on

Olympic Boulevard. Starts promptly at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast refreshments are served. For information or to recommend a speaker, call **Pat Johnson** of TRI Commercial Real Estate Services at 925-296-3300.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

■ The California Association of Mortgage Brokers East Bay Chapter President is **Guy Schwartz**. Schwartz is with CMG Mortgage, 925-983-3023.

■ **Ira Serkes** of RE/MAX Bay Area in Berkeley was a featured speaker at the RE/MAX International Convention. The convention was held in Orlando, Florida. RE/MAX

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WHAT'S UP DOCT?

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5617 Moraga Ave, Oakland
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- Third floor:**
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- Second floor:**
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One 1-Bedroom, Two Studios

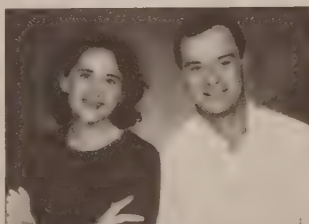
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- 2001 new water heater
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Spacious 2+ bedroom, 2 bath live/work loft high ceilings with skylights and lots of light. Located near Andronico's Central Market. Easy stroll to restaurants and coffee houses. Free shuttle to BART. Easy commute to S.F. \$419,000. Chris Ehlers-Hardie, 524-9888 x22

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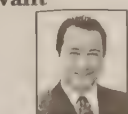
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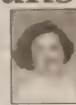
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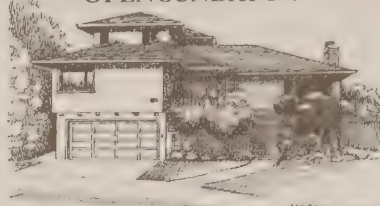
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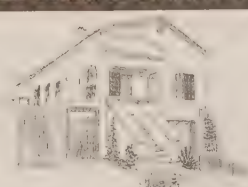
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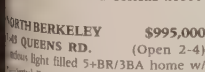
Leslie Easterday x1363



OAKLAND HILLS \$1,110,000

TUNNEL RD. (Open 2-4:30)

Stunning new 3+BR/2.5BA contemporary Mediterranean designed by architect Richard Janzen. Chef's kitchen w/lam rm combo, & beautiful courtyard. Donna Costella x1355



NORTH BERKELEY \$995,000

484 QUEENS RD. (Open 2-4)

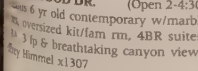
Beautiful light filled 5+BR/3BA home w/ panoramic Bay views. Lovely architectural details, recently updated, double lot w/ landscaped level spaces for outdoor enjoyment. Leslie Avant x1341



MONTCLAIR \$899,000

1000 BROADWAY TERR. (Open 2-4:30)

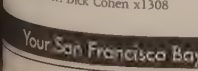
Amazing! Striking Bay view contemporary w/unique touches throughout. Gourmet kitchen, large formal dining w/French chandeliers off family rm & master BR. Level lot. 4BR/2.5BA. Kathy Flynn x1317



MONTCLAIR \$859,000

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Stunning 6 yr old contemporary w/marble floors, oversized kit/lam rm, 4BR suites, 3 bps & breathtaking canyon views. Jeff Himmel x1307



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1000 SNAKE RD. (Open 2-4:30)

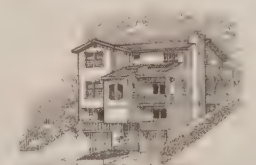
Are situated on approx. 1/4 acre of professionally landscaped gardens. City & bay views, architectural details, family room w/ fireplace & office. Dick Cohen x1308

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NORTH BERKELEY \$750,000

484 VASSAR AVE. (Open 2-4:30)

New Listing! Fabulous light filled 4BR/4BA home with 2nd unit. Panoramic Bay views, great floor plan, easy access to public transportation & parks. Anne Van Dyke x1339



MONTCLAIR \$749,000

6248 SWAINLAND RD. (Open 2-4:30)

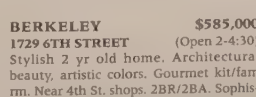
Stylish contemporary w/Tuscan Style Hill, SF Bay & Mt. Tam views. Impressive living & dining room. Large lot w/upper deck to capture the breathtaking views. 5BR/3.5BA. Teri Carlisle x1305



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36 RYDAL CT. (Open 2-4:30)

New Listing! Level-in contemporary Ranch on quiet cul-de-sac, filtered Bay & tree views, level yard. 4BR/2BA, family/media room w/fireplace & built-in book case. Teri Carlisle x1305



BERKELEY \$585,000

1729 6TH STREET (Open 2-4:30)

Stylish 2 yr old home. Architectural beauty, artistic colors. Gourmet kit/lam rm. Near 4th St. shops. 2BR/2BA. Sophisticated! Nancy Noman x1373

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PARKRIDGE ESTATES \$559,000

5195 PARKRIDGE DR. (Open 2-5)

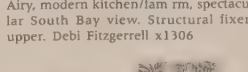
New Listing! 3+BR/2BA home located just steps away from a national hiking trail. Sweeping parklands view, updated kit & bathrooms. Great home in a great neighborhood. Vicki Woodhead x1334



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2259 MASTLANDS DR. (Open 2-4:30)

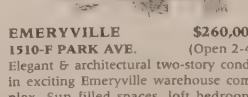
Very private 2+BR/2BA home yet close to everything. Beautiful master suite w/ spa, great room w/hardwood floors, vaulted beam ceilings. 2-car garage. Wendy Gardner x1303



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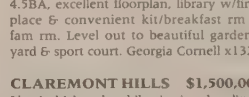
New Listing! Award-winning design on approx. 1/3 acre in prime location.

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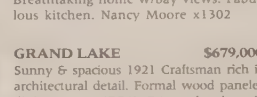


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Adorable & charming 4 yr old traditional. 4BR/2.5BA, fantastic & graceful floorplan, level-out play area. Fabulous location. Nancy Moore x1302

Hampton Road Piedmont estate is a classic Julia Morgan design

BY LINNEA SMITH JESSUP
STAFF

At age 64, the Julia Morgan-designed home at 329 Hampton Road in Piedmont needs no facelift. Elegant and classic, the two-story home reflects the distinctive style of the California architect with its wrought-iron trim and slim shutters accenting the many Craftsman windows.

Inside, the 4,600-square-foot house remains almost completely as it was designed by the famed designer who put her stamp on the East Bay through several homes in Oakland, Berkeley and Piedmont. Fortunately, this stately home has had only two owners, both of whom cherished and preserved it.

Walter Starr hired Morgan to design the Piedmont home in 1938 for his son. He'd worked with her earlier to build his own residence on a lot across the street.

Since 1951, it has been owned by the Gardiner and Doris Johnson family. Son Stephen recalls with pleasure the many years he has lived there, growing up in the '50s and then returning a few years ago to rejoin his mother.

"It was a great place for parties," he says. He father, who was in the California State Assembly from 1933 - '47, and served for a year as Speaker Pro-tem, remained active in politics and hosted many gatherings in this well-situated home. His wife traveled around the world with him, painting scenes she visited, and the house still serves as a backdrop to many of her paintings of such exotic locales as India and Hong Kong.

"Even the bathrooms had paintings," he remembers.

The layout is classic Morgan, with an entry hallway bordered by a winding staircase with living room and dining room balanced on either side. The clear fir wood floors still gleam a golden brown. The living room has two pairs of French doors which provide access to the side garden. Paneling and crown molding augment the gracious style



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THE CLASSIC LINES and Craftsman windows make the home at 329 Hampton Road in Piedmont particularly appealing. Designed by Julia Morgan in 1938, the home is in its nearly original state.

of the room which also has a brick fireplace. Also enjoying an abundance of natural light is the dining room, with wainscot and an adjoining butler's pantry. The only

structural change, according to the Johnsons, was the creation of a closet behind one of the dining room's doors.

The kitchen, breakfast room and

laundry room are also on the ground floor. There's a basement for storage.

Besides the grand stairway, a second flight of stairs also connects the two floors. Upstairs are six bedrooms, and each is illuminated via large windows which provide light inside and a balanced design on the exterior. In the master suite are a fireplace and access to a balcony, plus bathroom with two dressing rooms plus closets.

There are four bathrooms; a powder room is situated on the ground floor.

The home sits on a nearly half-acre site surrounded by large trees, and Johnson can still envision the brilliant bougainvillea that long ago brightened the white exterior of the

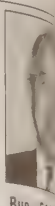
home. The backyard "where we used to play basketball," notes Johnson, has a lawn and is very private. Much of the landscaping has been refreshed and renovated. There is a detached, two-car garage

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New Listing!
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New Listing!
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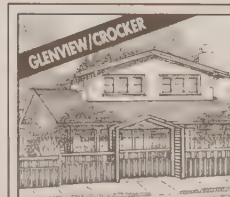
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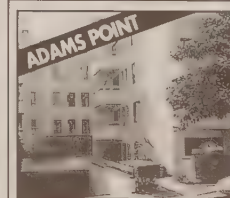
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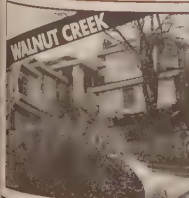


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 outlook, fireplace, in unit washer and
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\$1,145,000
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 & wet bar, gourmet kit., 5BD/4BA
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While we can say that every loan has a life of its own and is different to its own specifics, there is one thing most lenders insist on in every purchase transaction.

The lender wants to know how the borrower got the money to purchase the property, where it is housed, how it will be liquidated and how it will be transferred to escrow.

This "paper trail" needs to begin at the beginning of the loan process, when the loan officer first takes the loan application.



KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madness

Typically, when we first meet with prospective buyers, we ask them to provide three months bank statements for all their savings, checking, mutual fund and stock accounts.

The lender prefers that the funds be seasoned (in the bank) for a minimum of three months. Any large deposits, such as a settlement from a lawsuit, a gift or an inheritance must be documented.

A gift, for example, needs to be

accompanied by a gift letter that states the donor's relationship to the borrower, the account where the funds are housed (proving the donor's ability to give), a copy of the check or wire from that account and a copy of the deposit into the borrower's account or escrow.

In the case of a lawsuit settlement we had recently, the lender required a letter from the attorney handling the case that depicted the amount of money that the borrower was expected to receive and then we documented the trail from the attorney's office to the borrower's account and then its transfer to escrow.

An inheritance may require a certified copy of the death certificate, a copy of the will, the transfer documentation from the probate trust to the borrower's account and

then the transfer to escrow. Funds liquidated from mutual funds or stock portfolio requires the same type of paper trail documentation.

The point is that it is easier to get the documentation as the transfers are happening than to try to go back at the end of the transaction and retrace the paper trail. Usually that means walking into your bank and asking the bank manager to write a letter to the lender stating the paper trail.

This is a common glitch at the end of a purchase transaction that can easily be avoided.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of

Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached 510-339-8511, fax 510-339-3814, e-

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ALAMEDA

1594 Buena Vista Av - \$225,000
203 Cheswick Ct - \$510,000
3208 Fairview Av - \$562,500
1336 Fernside Bl - \$425,000
3111 Fernside Bl - \$450,000
419 Santa Clara Av - \$258,500

ALBANY

545 Pierce St #1305 - \$292,000
535 Pierce St #3416 - \$339,000
612 Santa Fe Av - \$525,000

BERKELEY

1631 10th St - \$217,500
1487 6th St - \$270,000
1747 9th St - \$335,000
1196 Cornell Av - \$310,000
1229 Curtis St - \$417,500
1620 Dwight Wy - \$339,500
1344 Oxford St - \$450,000
863 Santa Barbara Rd - \$940,000
3105 Telegraph Av - \$650,000

EL CERRITO

837 Lexington Av - \$339,000

EL SOBRANTE

601 Del Valle Cr - \$200,000
65 Homer Ct - \$245,000

EMERYVILLE

5 Commodore Dr #B21 - \$252,000
4329 Salem St - \$350,000

KENSINGTON

239 Yale Av - \$595,000

OAKLAND

2239 10th Av - \$160,000
1685 13th St - \$215,000
1615 22nd Av - \$165,000
1040 28th St - \$230,000
1831 34th Av - \$442,000
687 35th St - \$250,000
579 57th St - \$445,000

BAY AREA PROPERTIES



CLAREMONT HILLS

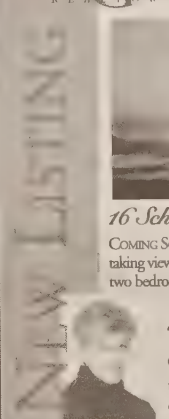
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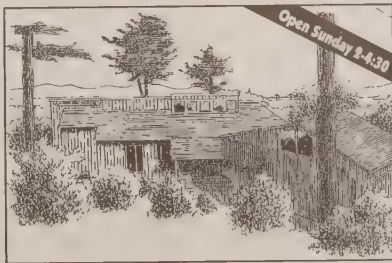
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2536 Wilbur St - \$345,000
3 Windward Hill - \$575,000
3468 Wyman St - \$362,000

PIEDMONT

38 Portsmouth Rd - \$620,000

RICHMOND

124 1st St - \$136,000
770 21st St - \$237,500
611 37th St - \$190,000
11 4th St - \$150,000
250 4th St - \$300,000
1711 6th St - \$247,000
659 8th St - \$242,000
6135 Bernhard Av - \$425,000
1408 Chanslor Av - \$199,500
5019 Fleming Av - \$255,000
717 Legends Pl - \$408,000
1201 Melville Sq #301 - \$238,500
125 Miley Mite Ln - \$429,000
18 Park Ln - \$125,000
3011 Phillips Ct - \$325,000
226 South 18th St - \$229,000
335 South 26th St - \$174,000
597 Stege Av - \$200,000
6121 Sutter Av - \$269,000
1032 Trailside Dr - \$460,000
712 Virginia Av - \$240,000

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204 Accolade Dr - \$393,000
207 Accolade Dr - \$394,000
2365 Arlington Ct - \$380,000

1132 Carpentier St #405 - \$229,000
1128 Coburn Ct - \$245,000
14998 Crosby St - \$310,000
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1185 Gardner Bl - \$365,000
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2272 Sanderling Ct - \$353,000
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16117 Via Milos - \$332,000
15788 Via Represa - \$310,000

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LOWEST PRICE: \$225,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$562,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$405,167

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$292,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$525,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$339,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$385,333

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$217,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$940,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$339,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$436,611

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$339,000

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$245,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$222,500

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$252,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$350,000
VERAGE PRICE: \$301,000

KENNINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
LOWEST PRICE: \$595,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$595,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$595,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 59
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,310,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$260,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$340,144

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$620,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 21
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$460,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$240,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$260,929

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 16
LOWEST PRICE: \$160,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$475,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$340,813

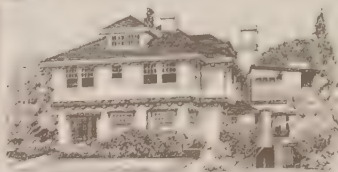
SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$332,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$321,000

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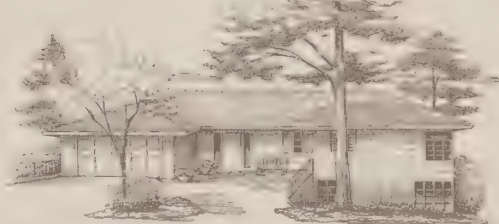
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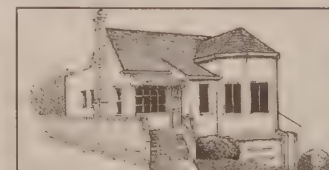
ALBANY, 511 Carmel Ave. \$529,000
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Holt was recently recognized at an awards ceremony honoring Coldwell Banker Northern California's "best of the best."

Prior to entering real estate, Holt

was a 26-year naval officer. Upon his retirement he entered the real estate profession and has since specialized in residential sales in the Lamorinda area.

A 26-year resident of Lafayette, he is a member and past president of Lafayette Rotary Club.

Contact Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Orinda is at 85 Moraga Way, 925-254-7777. Led by manager Val Cook Watkins, the office incorporates a team of over 65 real estate professionals.

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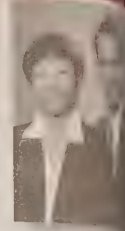
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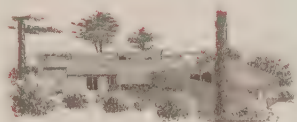
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Jackets exit NorCal

Berkeley claims 7th NCS title, but its two-year run as CIF-Northern California champs comes to an end

By Phil Jensen
TIMES STAFF WRITER

St. Ignatius High School guard Katie Meinhardt refused to be intimidated by Berkeley in the first round of the California Interscholastic Federation Northern California Division I playoffs.

From scoring the opening points of the game to sinking the eventual game-winning free throw with seven seconds remaining, the 5-foot-9 senior continued to challenge the Yellow Jackets' defense. Meinhardt,

who scored a game-high 24 points, and the unseeded Wildcats proved successful, upsetting second-seeded Berkeley 52-49 and ending Berkeley's two-year reign as Northern California champions.

Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura believed that Wednesday's loss was the earliest postseason exit by his team since the 1993 season.

"Really, it didn't come down to one play," Nakamura said. "Our first half was horrible. The number of unforced errors we had was our undoing."

"You have to give them credit. I knew they were a Pleasant Valley-type team. They executed."

The Yellow Jackets (22-9), which trailed 29-13 at halftime, rallied to take the lead in the fourth quarter. A converted offensive rebound by Kalyca Seabrook gave Berkeley a 49-48 edge with 10 seconds remaining.

But after a St. Ignatius timeout, Berkeley was intent on trying to keep the ball out of the hands of Meinhardt, the Most Valuable Player in the Girls Private School League this season. Berkeley had only three fouls in the second half, so Natasha Bailey fouled Meinhardt with 8.3 seconds to go. But Meinhardt found a seam and was hit with an inbounds pass by Maria Matius. An intentional foul was called on Sabrina Keys, who wrapped up Meinhardt.

Meinhardt had tried to familiarize herself with pressure free throws, and it showed. "I've been doing that every day at practice," she said. "I tell myself 'championship game, down by one.'"

She sank both free throws with seven seconds remaining for

a 50-49 St. Ignatius lead. Two seconds later, teammate Maureen McCaffery nailed two additional free throws. A desperation 3-point shot by Berkeley's Angelita Hutton at the buzzer fell short.

Berkeley enters NCS record book

Move over, Bishop O'Dowd. With its 60-53 win over Pittsburg High School Saturday night at Haas Pavilion, the Berkeley High School girls basketball team stamped its own name into the North Coast Section record books.

Saturday's victory clinched the NCS Division I championship for the Yellow Jackets — their seventh consecutive NCS title — and erased the six-year run that the Dragons boys team claimed from 1978-82.

But it didn't come easily. The whistle weighed heavily on both teams, stopping play so often for fouls that neither team was able to get into a comfortable rhythm.

The Yellow Jackets (22-8) and the Pirates (26-3) both tend to play fast-paced games, but fouls stalled out the pace of the game on both ends. Still, Berkeley managed to pour in 20 points in the first quarter for a 20-14 advantage.

The Yellow Jackets got a scare in the second quarter when center Sabrina Keys went down with an ankle injury. Without Keys, Pittsburg's height advantage was all the stronger, until center Necolia Simmons hit foul trouble early.

Simmons picked up her third foul and quickly earned her fourth with a technical.

Keys returned later in the quarter, but Simmons was on the bench until the fourth quarter.

"I thought the foul calling was very inconsistent both ways," Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura said. "I think it hurt them more than us with the foul on Simmons and the technical."

But even with Simmons out, the Pirates fought back from their 20-14 deficit from the first quarter to tie the game at 28-28 by halftime.

Then the Yellow Jackets stepped up their defense for the third quarter. Berkeley's potent full-court trap — manned by



DRIVING TO THE HOOP. Berkeley's Shaquita Brown roared past Pittsburg's Keanna Vicks. Playing the North Coast Section championship game at Haas Pavilion on March 2, Brown scored 16 points as the Yellow Jackets slipped past the Pirates 60-53. Five nights later, the Yellow Jackets were bumped from the NorCal by St. Ignatius.

guards Shaquita Brown and Angelita Hutton — caused further trouble for the Pirates' offense.

Meanwhile, the Yellowjackets handled the Pittsburg full-court press with few problems. They went on a 9-0 run and then a 10-0 run in the quarter to pad their lead to 50-37.

"Usually, a pressing team isn't used to getting pressed, and that's why we put it on them," Nakamura said. "The tables turned and we were able to handle theirs."

Pittsburg pieced together a six-point run to open the final quarter and moved to within

seven. From there scoring evened out, though fouls caught back up to the Pirates in the final quarter, as Berkeley scored more points from the line than it did from the field. Six free-throws and two field goals kept the Yellow Jackets a step ahead of the Pirates and clinched the record-breaking victory for Berkeley.

The Yellow Jackets spread their scoring out well, finishing with eight scorers and three players in double digits. Brown led Berkeley with 16 points; Keys added 13; and Hutton scored 12.

Darcy Couch contributed to this article.

BRIEFS

Soccer tryouts

The Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League Mavericks will hold tryouts for the fall season in March and April. Tryouts will be for Class I and III girls and Class I boys. Players are advised to arrive 30 minutes in advance for check-in. Expect each tryout to last two hours

Girls tryouts

(all times subject to change)

■ **Under-10** — March 9, Gabe Field West; March 16, Gabe Field East (all times 10 a.m.).

■ **Under-11** — March 9, Gabe Field West; March 16, Gabe Field East, noon.

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Moore says 'no-no' to Emery

Sophomore Danielle Moore tossed four-innings of no-hit ball to propel the Albany Cougars (1-1) past the Emery Spartans 16-0 in Emeryville.

Playing Feb. 28, Moore struck out nine in claiming the no-hit

On the offensive end, Krislyn Patterson tripled hard to left, Elizabeth Ali and Katie Lommen each drew two walks and Moore doubled, walked twice, scored and drove in a run.

The Cougars are at Pinole Valley today at 3:30 p.m.



MARY'S PLAYER SIMON KNIGHT was feeling De La Salle's defensive pressure during the North Coast Section championships. Playing at Haas Pavilion in Berkeley on March 3, the Spartans upset the Panthers 76-70.

Panthers on the rebound in CIF

St. Mary's D-I title to De La Salle, but great Oak Grove in CIF-NorCal opener

David Huffman

STAFF WRITER

OAK GROVE — St. Mary's forward Chase Moore spent most of the game in foul trouble, but he made his presence felt down the stretch. The senior hit three baskets late in the fourth quarter to propel the visiting Panthers to a 76-70 victory in the Northern California Division I playoffs.

Moore knocked down two consecutive short-range jumpers in the final minutes to play in the game. Guard John Sharper scored on a 3-pointer from the right wing, and Moore followed that effort with a bucket to tie the game at 60-60. Moore finished with 10 points.

"It's a really hit some big shots for us," Panthers coach Mike Caraballo said. "Our kids have a lot of experience. They know how to finish out a game." St. Mary's took its first lead since early in the first quarter when Simon Knight

scored on a putback with 6:53 to go in the third. Two possessions later, Knight was on the receiving end of a nice feed from senior DaShawn Freeman to give the Panthers a 40-35 cushion. Sharper paced St. Mary's with 18 points and Knight added 17.

The Panthers spent most of the first half playing catch up with the No. 4 seeded Eagles (28-3). Oak Grove point guard Jade Davis

hit a 3-pointer to give the squad a 33-24 advantage late in the first half.

But St. Mary's continued to force the issue. Sharper found Knight cutting toward the hoop for an easy score to bring the Panthers within five (33-28) with 15 seconds left in the half. Davis was whistled for a technical foul, and the Panthers took advantage of it, connecting on the ensuing free throws and possession to make the score 33-32 at the half.

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Baseball

■ **Castlemont at St. Mary's**, today at 3:30 p.m.; **St. Mary's at Freedom**, Tuesday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.; **St. Joseph Notre Dame at St. Mary's**, Friday, March 15, 3:30 p.m.; **St. Mary's vs. Oakland Tech at Bushrod Park**, Oakland, Saturday, March 16, 11 a.m.

■ **Head-Royce at Albany**, Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m.; **Albany at El Cerrito**, Monday, March 11, 3:30 p.m.; **John Swett at Albany**, Friday, March 15, 3:30 p.m.

Softball

■ **St. Mary's vs. Albany at Central Park**, El Cerrito, Wednesday, March 13, 3:30 p.m.; **St. Mary's vs. St. Joseph Notre Dame at Leydecker Park**, Alameda, Friday, March 15, 3:30 p.m.

■ **Albany at John Swett**, Friday, March 15, TBA.

Track and field

■ **St. Mary's at De La Salle Invitational**, Concord, Saturday, 9 a.m.; **Kennedy, Albany and Holy Names at St. Mary's**, Thursday, March 14, 3:30 p.m.; **St. Mary's at Bay Area Distance Festival**, Piedmont High School, Friday, March 15, 4 p.m.

Stars of the Week

■ **Danielle Moore, Albany softball** — A sophomore, Moore hurled a four-inning no-hitter, striking out nine, against Emery of Feb. 28. In addition, Moore doubled and had two walks, scored a run and drove in another in as the Cougars won in a rout, 16-0.

■ **DaShawn Freeman and John Sharper, St. Mary's boys basketball** — The senior guards are the engine that makes the Panthers go. On Tuesday, Sharper struck for a game-high 26 points in a 79-52 NCS first-round win over Antioch. Sharper also led all scorers with three 3-pointers. Freeman had 19 points to go along with six steals and five assists.

Sharper scored 18, Freeman 8 in the Panthers' NorCal opener.

■ **Kyle Griffin and Tyson Griffin, Albany wrestling** — Tyson, a senior, and Kyle, a sophomore, both represented their school at the NCS wrestling championships at Oakland's Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center last Saturday.

Tyson Griffin finished second to Liberty's Kip Klingsheim at 147 pounds (Klingsheim beat Griffin 12-5 in the final). But as one of the top three finalists in his weight class, Griffin still advances to this weekend's CIF state meet in Stockton.

Kyle Griffin, the No. 5 seed at 154 pounds, strongly challenged vaunted No. 1 Nick Orlando of Pittsburg High in the semifinal before losing 4-3. Kyle Griffin eventually finished fifth.

■ **Angelita Hutton and Sabrina Keys, Berkeley girls basketball** — Both players saw only limited time on the court in NCS first-round action Wednesday, but each had a huge impact. Despite playing fewer than 15 minutes, Hutton

nonetheless led all scorers with 22 points in Berkeley's 72-30 romp over Mission San Jose. Keys added eight points, six rebounds and five steals in 16 minutes.

Quotes of the Week

■ "Going to state was my first goal. But I wanted to win NCS, and I didn't win. I'm a little disappointed right now. Things don't go your way sometimes, but that's the way it goes."

— **Albany wrestler Tyson Griffin**, commenting on both qualifying for the CIF state meet in Stockton this weekend and settling for second place at 147 pounds in the NCS championships at the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center in Oakland.

■ "The whole family is going. We all went last year to watch. It's definitely better to be on the mat."

— **Tyson Griffin again commenting** on this weekend's trip to Stockton

■ "That was a major statement by the

girls. We were at a definite height and speed disadvantage and yet we're right there. That was a definite statement that we can play with anybody."

— **Pittsburg girls basketball coach Maureen Matteson**, talking about her team's performance in the Pirates' 60-53 loss to Berkeley in the North Coast Section Division I championship game Saturday night at Haas Pavilion.

"We wanted to come out and attack their defensive pressure. I'm not sure they were expecting that."

— **De La Salle forward Joe Robinson** on the tactic of the Spartans coming out running right at St. Mary's instead of playing their usual half-court game. De La Salle defeated the Panthers 76-70 in the NCS Division I title game at Haas Pavilion on Saturday night.

WINTER ALL-LEAGUE SELECTIONS

ACCAL: BOYS BASKETBALL

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

John Chapple, Sr. (Pinole Valley)

Berkeley

Shaun Burl, So. and Damien Burns, Sr., first team
Nate Simmons, Jr., second team

El Cerrito

Terence Henderson, Jr. and
Patrick Mitchell, So., second team

■ Out-of-area selections —

FIRST TEAM: Tristan Newsome, Sr. (De Anza); Nick Loy, Sr. (Encinal); Thomas DeCoud, Jr. and Duran Davis Sr. (Pinole Valley).
SECOND TEAM: Alex Fleming, Jr. (Alameda); Brad Nakano (Hercules), Jr.; Mike Fountila, Sr. and Kimathi Harris, Jr. (Richmond).

BSAL: BOYS BASKETBALL

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Devin Peal, Jr., (Kennedy)
St. Mary's

DaShawn Freeman, Sr. and John Sharper Sr., first team

■ Out-of-area selections —

FIRST TEAM: John Winston Jr., (Salesian); Vinnie Buehler, Sr. (St. Patrick).
SECOND TEAM: Jay Doss, Sr. (Kennedy); Mac Scott, Sr. (Piedmont); Miguel Daggs (St. Elizabeth), Jr.; Jeff Fuller, Jr. and Ari Warmerdam, Sr. (St. Joseph).

BSAL: PREP GIRLS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Imani Dhahabu Jr., (Salesian)

St. Mary's

Shantrell Sneed, Fr., first team
Kamaiya Warren, Sr., second team

■ Out-of-area selections —

FIRST TEAM: Deidra Chapman, Sr. and Gernay Montgomery Sr. (Kennedy); Stephisha Walton, Fr. (St. Patrick).
SECOND TEAM: Junai Dawson, So. (Holy Names); Crystal Thompson, Sr. (Kennedy); Meghan Leary, Jr.; Nicci Byrne, Jr. (John Swett).

ACCAL: BOYS SOCCER

Not available at press time. Will run next week.

BSAL: BOYS SOCCER

CO-MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Daniel Perez, Sr. (Kennedy);
Daniel A. Perez, Sr. (Kennedy)

Albany

Spencer Dill, So., first team

St. Mary's

Zach Huddleston, Jr. and Stephon McGrew, Sr., first team
Ben Feldman, Jr., second team

■ Out-of-area selections —

FIRST TEAM: Andrew Jacobsmeier Sr. (Berean Christian); Gabe Arce-Yee, Jr. (Piedmont); Anthony Butler, Jr. (Salesian); Lorenzo Macias, Sr., (St. Elizabeth); Dave Gordon, Sr. (St. Joseph); Kevin Kopple, Sr. (St. Patrick).
SECOND TEAM: Miguel Schiappapietra, Jr. (Berean Christian); Mark Beilock, Jr. (Piedmont); Alfonso Aguilera, Sr. Kyle Bethe, Jr. and Gio Mejia, Sr. (Salesian); Heriberto Zavala, Jr. (St. Elizabeth); Nick Jacuzzi, Jr. (St. Joseph); Dan Monahan, Jr. (St. Patrick); Mike Edwards, Sr. and Morgan Edwards, Sr. (John Swett).

ACCAL: GIRLS SOCCER

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Annie Borton, Jr., (Berkeley)

Berkeley

Maura Fitzgerald, So. and Mei-Lin Ha, Jr., first team
Veronica Searles, Sr. and Dea Wallach, Fr., second team

El Cerrito

Jenna Brace, Sr. and Kirsten Eames, Sr., first team
Julianna Dragos, So. and Johari Harris, So.

Out-of-area selections —

FIRST TEAM: Lisa Hathaway, Sr. and Allie Musso, Jr. (Alameda); Alison Caine, So., (De Anza); Emily Allegrotti, So. (Encinal); Shannon Elliott, Sr. and Natalie Thompson, Sr. (Pinole Valley); Isela Cazarez, So. and Maria Esparza, Sr. (Richmond).
SECOND TEAM: Alex Barnish, Sr. and Samantha Travis Jr. (Alameda); Sara Corrigan-Gibbs, Jr., Marielle Elliott, Sr. (DeAnza); Atzimba Alvarez, Jr. (Encinal); Becky Weeks, So. and Dana Weeks, Sr. (Pinole Valley); Rita Gurule, Sr. and Elda Marquez, Sr. (Richmond).

BSAL: GIRLS SOCCER

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Jocelyn Leche, Sr. (Salesian)

Albany

Zoe Griffith Sr., first team
Kim Bell, Sr. and Emma Kemp, Fr., second team

St. Mary's

Parras Vega, Jr., first team
Margot Davis Fr., second team

■ Out-of-area selections —

FIRST TEAM: Valeria Barnes, Fr. (Berean Christian); Bilhy Adhanom, Sr. and Whitney Temple, Jr. (Piedmont); Niki D'Alonzo, Sr. (Salesian); Tracey Ross, Sr. (Holy Names); Adriana Diaz, Sr. (St. Joseph); Ariana Ibarra, Sr. (St. Patrick); Stevani Verducci, Sr. (John Swett).
SECOND TEAM: Sara Angella, Sr. and Heather Oranje, So. (Berean Christian); Ally Green, Sr. and Alicia Sabuncuoglu, Jr. (Piedmont); Lauren DuBois, Sr. and Andrea Salvador, So. (Salesian); Danielle Diaz, Fr. (St. Joseph); Ashley Gann, Sr. (St. Patrick).

Panthers

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St. Mary's bows to DLS in NCS final

Defense and consistency were the keys, and a fourth straight North Coast Section Division I championship was the result for De La Salle High School's basketball team.

Four players finished in double figures for the Spartans, who sank 14 of 16 free throws in the

fourth quarter to hold off St. Mary's 76-70 Saturday night at Cal's Haas Pavilion.

De La Salle (26-3) jumped out of the gates and built an early lead on St. Mary's (27-3). The Spartans scored 24 points in the first quarter and held a six-point lead after the first eight minutes.

The Panthers, who almost appeared surprised at De La Salle's aggressive full-court offensive attack, adjusted in the second quarter and climbed into the lead behind a stellar effort by shooting guard John Sharper.

Sharper made six of his first seven 3-point attempts en route to a 22-point first half. The Panthers outscored the Spartans 20-12 in the second quarter and held

a 38-36 advantage at the half.

De La Salle did not deviate from its aggressive attack on offense. The Spartans tied the game just seven seconds into the second half on a jumper by Joe Robinson. The Panthers never led again.

On De La Salle's ensuing possession, forward Taylor Pena hit the third of his three 3-pointers to put the Spartans ahead to stay at 41-38.

St. Mary's aggressive style of defense was kept in check due to foul trouble among all four of its leading players. Forward Chase Moore picked up his fourth foul with 1:12 left in the third period, point guard DaShawn Freeman picked up his fourth with 7:12 left in the game and Sharper got his fourth just

four minutes after Freeman Sharper, who scored a high 34 points, was kept quiet in the second half. The defensive effort of Matt Sharper had two 3-pointers waning moments, but late for the Panthers. The Spartans held off charge by sinking three free throws of the fourth quarter. De La Salle earned its first NCS Division I championship after defeating the Panthers in the state title game. Phil Jensen contributed the article

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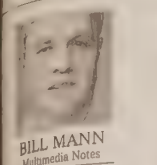
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Watching TV's torture in some ways

THE HOTTEST THING in television TV right now? They're calling it "Torture."

After Sept. 11, reality-TV shows were pronounced dead by many observers. After all, they would TV audiences want to watch trumped-up hardship enduring so much real de- pression? Viewers, it was widely assumed, now wanted gentler fare.

ABC exterminated "The Contender II," Fox's "Love Cruise" was torpedoed, etc., etc. Even "Granddaddy" of reality shows, CBS's "Survivor," lost in Nielsen for the first time. But reality-TV shows didn't go away. Network execs, apparently casting about for cheap shows, identified a variety that worked — one that were both lean and mean. So six months later, in a display of TV Darwinism, the "tough" have survived — and many of the weakest. Shows like NBC's "Fear Factor" and "The Contender II" which contestants are sent into vats of dead squid to retrieve objects underwater.

Then, in January came two "strap-em-in" dueling shows within a week of each other, ABC's "The Contender" and Fox's "The Chamber." The latter did well at first, but, in time, Fox moved its "Chamber" to another time slot and it failed. Said one critic of "The Chamber": "Once you've seen one contestant's all first over, you've more or less seen 'em all." But "The Contender" is doing better. Besides, these days, ABC is desperate for a hit it'll try anything.

Contestants, like slaves in ancient Rome, now entertain masses by submitting to humiliating, gross-out stunts. It could get a lot worse. "Fear Factor" and "The Chamber" and their ilk are mild compared to a kind of psychological torture and cruelty audiences are used to seeing on Japanese TV. One example: "Mitsumame" (translated as "Filled Eyes") airs on cable-TV Wednesday nights, and its creators proclaim at the opening: "The tears of the contestants are fine. Therefore, they cry together." The popular "Mitsumame Battle Royale" segment features 10 young women competing to see who can cry the most for a \$10,000 prize.

Women are locked up in a cage over a weekend and in test tubes in which to collect their tears. They're given tear-jerker movies and sometimes insult — and even pay — one another to get the tears going. A few homophobic contestants have locked themselves in closets, crying on the tears. One winner produced an "incredible" 40 millimeters of tears about an inch and half) in the test tube in one episode. It's not crying — that's sobbing.

New York Times TV writer James says these "torture" shows are cultural barometers of these uneasy times. That "these torture shows tap into and defuse an recurrent of anger in this society."

TV continues to mine the dark side: Fox's "Boot Camp" is a show hot on the 18-34 male audience. "The Time Machine" was simply "Masochistic" reaches a new (low) level of voluntary victimization "Fear Factor," a show hot on the 18-34 male audience. "Fear Factor" skipped the tribal "tribe-jumbo" of "Survivor" and went right to the bug-eat-it. "Only bugs were the contestants ate." Let's just say that these shows were to air in the night. It might be called "Bug Factor."

The affable Regis Philbin, of ABC's gentler — and see MANN, Page C5



JEFF ELAM, from left, Carol Sirney, Jason Frazier, and Jennifer Wagner will be performing in The Merchant of Venice at the Berkeley City Club, March 8-31.

'Merchant of Venice' opens tonight in Berkeley

Women in Time (WIT) Productions previews Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" at 8 p.m. today in the company's new playing space — The Berkeley City Club (former home of the Aurora Theatre), 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Meanwhile tonight, a few blocks north and also at 8, Aurora previews Jules Feiffer's Tony-nominated comedy "Knock Knock" in the company's new theater at 2081 Addison St.

Good playing space is so tight in our area, theater seats get little time to cool off before another company moves in.

AN ELEGANT MERCH: CHANT: The City Club's Patio Room, with seating in the round, setting for "The Merchant of Venice." We're in Venice, of course, an ideal location for a romantic comedy with all the trappings you would expect: masks, revelry, balcony scenes and midnight escapes.

But all is not sweetness and light. In this complex play, directed by Sacha Reich, perceptions shift, allegiances are turned topsy-turvy, and justice and happy endings don't always sashay blithely arm-in-



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arm. After tonight's preview, "The Merchant of Venice" plays at 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 31.

Tickets are \$25 (half-price on Wednesdays). Discounts are available. Call 925-798-1300 for details.

SAY, 'WHO'S THERE?': "Knock Knock" is complex in another way. The four-person farce has been called a masterpiece of American absurdism, chock-full of slapstick comedy. That should make it an ideal tooling-around vehicle, top down, wind in the hair, naturally, for the comedic talents of Bay Area actors Will Marchetti and Dan Hiatt. Michael Butler, resident artist at the San Jose Rep, is directing.

Abe (Hiatt) and Cohn (Marchetti) are retired, cogitating,

cantankerous stay-at-homes in a log cabin they have shared for 20 years. Then, one day harsh words are spoken, hasty wishes made. The pair's quiet existence is — watch it, here comes that unstable topsy-turvy! — turned turvy. They spiral further out of control in a whirlwind of nonsense and wordplay toward a ridiculous destiny.

Yes, Feiffer is the Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist who also wrote the screenplays for "Carnal Knowledge" with Jack Nicholson and Art Garfunkel, and "Popeye" with Robin Williams and Shelley Duvall.

After previews tonight, Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, "Knock Knock" opens next Thursday and plays Thursdays through Sundays, closing April 14. Preview tickets are \$26; opening night costs \$35. Prices and show times vary by days of the week during the run. Call 510-843-4822, or visit the website at www.auroratheatre.org.

SHOTGUN'S NEW DIGS: And here's still another opening of a brand new theater in downtown Berkeley. Next week, at 8 p.m. on March 14 and 15, Shotgun Players unveils its new 99-seat home at

2116 Allston Way with the world premiere of Adam Bock's "A Fairy's Tail."

Here are some answers to the two main questions when a never-seen-before play opens in a never-seen-before playhouse. What's in store when you plunk down your bucks for tickets and walk inside?

The ingredients for "A Fairy's Tail" are described as "A Little Girl Bent on Revenge, A Scary Giant, A Huge Squid, A Fast Swamp, A Big Hallelujah, Puppets, Glitter, Mayhem, Music and More."

About the theatre, Patrick Dooley, Shotgun's founding director who is also directing the opener, has this to say: "... the new theater will open as a 'rough space' with no fixed seating and a multitude of different configuration possibilities, similar to the way the company has used space at the Eighth Street Theatre in West Berkeley. The difference is in the larger space at the Allston Street Theatre, higher ceilings, more comfortable seating and improved lighting and sound systems."

After the previews, "A

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This 'Time' benefits from special-effects machine

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

With any remake of something that is not only a beloved book but a treasured movie, there will be grumblings about the spoilage factor. The new version of "The Time Machine" will not be immune from that, despite having perhaps the best defense possible: The director is Simon Wells, the great-grandson of H.G. Wells.

Surely a direct descendant wouldn't soil the memory of either the book or the classic George Pal movie version, released in 1960, right? Well, yes and no. The story has been expanded to present a motivation for the Time Traveler's journey, a romance that the elder Wells might have scoffed at, or at the very least been bored by. On the other hand, some very cool elements have been added, including several bits of homage to Pal's film, and the special effects nicely illustrate how far technology has come since the '60s.

The Time Traveler has a new name, Alexander Hartdegen; a new home, New York City, circa 1899; and a new identity as a mushy swain desperately trying to bring his lady love back to life. He's played by Guy Pearce ("Memento" and "L.A. Confidential"), an actor with enough range to be believable both as a scientist and a brave-hearted warrior fighting for the good of mankind in the future.

In a rather plodding prologue, we see Alexander get engaged to Emma (Sienna Guillory), a pretty young thing, then see her meet an unfortunate end. Four years later, Alexander has figured out a way to travel back in time, in



TIME TRAVELER Guy Pearce, right, has fresh motivation to hit the road in this remake of "The Time Machine" — love.

a shiny brass-and-glass machine that one character accurately notes looks like it would make a mean cappuccino. Alas, he learns he can't alter the past to his satisfaction and ends up hitting the accelerator forward, into the future, to look for the answer to all his questions (which seem to be limited to, why did Emma die?). Alexander puts the pedal to the metal at just the right moment, and the story swings into high

gear as he watches the acceleration of time from within his spinning orb of light. Shown as if in time-lapse photography, his home changes radically around him, and the view out his window grows into a futuristic New York City. He hits the brakes at 2030 and gets out long enough to hit the public library for a chat with this version of "The Time Machine's" best new character, Vox (Orlando Jones), a know-it-all hologram designed to

appear as a walking, talking, thoroughly officious human being. Queried about time travel, Vox, God love him, makes several references to both H.G. Wells and George Pal's movie.

An accident propels Alexander even farther into the future, 800,000 years ahead, into the world that H.G. actually envisioned. At last the film sheds the

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EVENTS

General

OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY —
ELMHURST BRANCH —
"John Henry," March 12, 3:30 p.m. Word For Word presents a special performance based on Julius Lester's book about the legendary steel driver of early railroad days. 1427 88th Ave. (510) 615-5727.

MONTCLAIR BRANCH —
"John Henry," March 13, 4 p.m. Word For Word presents a special performance based on Julius Lester's book about the legendary steel driver of early railroad days. 1687 Mountain Blvd. (510) 482-7810.

WEST OAKLAND BRANCH —
"Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. 1801 Adeline St. (510) 597-5049. Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

THE STARRY PLOUGH —
"The Berkeley Poetry Slam," Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Poets should arrive at 7:30 p.m. to sign up. The first Wednesday of the month is "Chicken Grease" hosted by Nazelah Jamison and Karen Ladson with spinning by DJ Funklor; all other Wednesdays are "The Berkeley Slam" hosted by Charles Elik and dani eurythm with music by Three Blind Mice. For ages 21 and over after 10 p.m. \$5. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 435-1665.

CAL PERFORMANCES —
Laurie Anderson, March 8 and March 9, 8 p.m. Avant-garde musician and performance artist reads from her new solo work, "Happiness." \$20 to \$42. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION — "Just Forests Initiative: Faith-Based Activism for Public Land," March 13, 12:30 p.m. A discussion with Rev. Myrna Bernadel-Huey, Amahra Hicks and Jeff Romm of University of California, Berkeley. Free. CDS Common Room, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. (510) 524-5264.

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CENTER — "St. Patrick's Lunch," March 15, 11 a.m. The Seafarers Club will serve traditional corned beef and cabbage, hold a drawing for lunch with the mission's senior chaplain Father Paul Devine and host live music. Proceeds will benefit the mission's nonprofit multi-faith ministry to crew members on freighters, tankers and tugs in Bay Area ports. \$15. Seafarers Club, Berth 40, 4001 Seventh St., Oakland. (510) 839-2226.

Museums

EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum. Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. (510) 763-0141.

JUDAH L. MAGNES MUSEUM — "Telling Time: Everything There Is A Season," through May. An exhibit structured around the seasons of the year and the seasons of life with objects ranging from the sacred and the secular, to the provocative and the whimsical. Highlights from Jewish and other cultures such as Tibetan and Mexican-American include treasures from ceremonial and folk art, rare books and manuscripts, contemporary and traditional fine art, video, photography and cultural kitsch. Free. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. (510) 549-6950 or www.magnesmuseum.org

MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM — "Surface Tensions: Pattern and Ornament in Contemporary Painting," closing March 10. An exhibit of works by Bill Bury, Jamie Brunson, Reed Danziger, Susan Dory, Bonnie K. Neumann, Francesca Pastine, and Roy Tomlinson. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Mills College,

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treme-sports action, sensuality, language
and some drug references.) 1 hour, 38
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"THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS": There's
such an ironic distance to director Wes
Anderson's playful, highly stylized movie
about a family of failed, alienated ge-
nius that it's like watching a cinematic
version of the eccentric literary quarterly
McSweeney's, something exquisitely
crafted for maximum cleverness. What
saves it from being gag-me precious is
the fact that Anderson also has a tender
heart to go along with his fetish for detail
and eye for the absurd. Amid all the
movie's mannerisms are some truths
about family that knock you for an un-
expectedly emotional hour. All the per-
formances are delightful, but Gene Hack-
man, as the Tenenbaums' rascal of a
patriarch, is unforgettable. — M. Pols. (R:
some language, sexuality/nudity and
drug content.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. A-
"SNOW DOGS": Miami dentist Ted Brooks
(Cuba Gooding Jr.) finds out he was
adopted when his biological mother, who
piloted Alaskan sled dogs to champi-
onships, dies, and he schleps to the small
town of Tokelna to inventory and sell her
belongings — including her valuable pack
of huskies. A gruff sled-dog racer named
Thunder Jack (James Coburn) was one of
his mother's chief competitors. He wants
those dogs for himself, but Ted won't let
him have them. With the Arctic Challenge
coming up, Ted would rather learn to race
them himself. "Snow Dogs" is lightweight
and predictable, and the dogs are just too
cute, along with animatronic counterparts
that are so expressive, they're spooky. —
C. Lemire. (PG: mild crude humor.) 1 hour,

39 minutes. C
"THE SON'S ROOM": On the face of it,
this Italian film is quiet and contemplative
— every bit as calm and serene as its lead-
ing character, psychiatrist Giovanni (Nanni
Moretti), is thought to be by his sometimes
none-too-calm patients. At the start, all
seems well. Giovanni has a thriving career.
While his patients speak of suicide and
murder, Giovanni tends to his well-adjusted
family — wife Paola (Laura Morante),
daughter Irene (Jasmine Trinca) and son
Andrea (Giusseppe Sanfelice). Then one
day the teen-age Andrea is killed in a diving
accident, and familial harmony is extin-
guished. This is a story of a family's shared
road to recovery, or at least acceptance.
Only the hardest-hearted viewer will be un-
moved by the final frame of this Cannes
prize-winner. — M. Wolf. (R: language and
some sexuality.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. A-
"STORYTELLING": A lazy piece of work
from director Todd Solondz, two stories
that bear no relation to each other, slapped
together under the notion that they're both
about storytelling. That's like saying the 11
o'clock news is about the news. In the first
half, a college student allows herself to be
sexually used by her professor to prove
she isn't a racist. In the second half, a docu-
mentary filmmaker chronicles the pathetic
life of a directionless high school student.
Solondz has a flair for the darkest comedy,
and there's some good acting, but the
whole thing seems pointless. — M. Pols.
(R: strong sexual content, language and
some drug use.) 1 hour, 23 minutes. C
"SUPER TROOPERS": There's some fun
to be had in this goofball comedy about
a five ridiculous Vermont highway
patrolmen who relieve their boredom by
pulling pranks on unsuspecting mo-
torists. Written by and starring members
of a comedy troupe called Broken
Lizard, the movie has a few moments of
inspired, straight-faced stupidity, even as
it grows increasingly repetitive after the
first half-hour. What's refreshing about
the humor is the absence of mean-spi-
ritedness that fills most dumb comedies
these days. — G. Whipp. (R: rudity, sex-
ual situations, language and drug con-
tent.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C+

"WE WERE SOLDIERS": A surprisingly
old-fashioned Vietnam War movie dwelling
on the heroism of the soldiers who fought
the first major ground battle with the North
Vietnamese in 1965. Mel Gibson is fine but
not great as the thoughtful officer who
leads them into battle. A lack of political
context, though some schmaltz and overly
graphic war violence unfortunately hold the
film back, and not too often with the
same sort of voice director Randall Wallace
used in his cheery script for "Pearl Har-
bor." — M. Pols. (R: sustained scenes of
graphic war violence and language.) 2
hours, 18 minutes. C

REVIEW
■ WHAT: "The Time Machine"
■ STARRING: Guy Pearce, Samantha Mumba, Orlando Jones, Mark Addy, Jeremy Irons
■ RATING: PG-13 (intense scenes of action violence)
■ RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 36 minutes
■ WHERE: Opens today at area theaters
■ GRADE: B-
Uber-Morlock (Jeremy Irons). Irons has been ridiculously costumed to resemble an albino Gene Simmons with a jellyfish attached to his back, but he's still one of the best hissers in the business. The Uber-Morlock is in many ways a typical Hollywood device, someone to focus our hatred on, but he's not made entirely from whole cloth; in H.G.'s discarded early drafts of "The Time Machine," the filmmakers found some mention of the Morlocks using mind control on their victims. "The Time Machine" gets points off for a slow beginning, some poorly defined logic in the

Arts Center, El Portal Drive and Castro Street, San Pablo. The play about an aging actress who returns to her childhood home, written by David Rogers, is a production of the CCC drama department and the Young Actors' Workshop. Tickets are \$10 general; \$8 for seniors and students. Group rates also available. Call 510-235-7800, ext. 4274.
HUGE 'WEST SIDE': Pinole Valley High School Performing Arts Department will present a huge production of "West Side Story" on consecutive week-ends, March 15, 16, 22 and 23, on the school's mainstage. How huge? PVHS's Dave Clark, who is directing the musical, says: "This is a full-scale production with a cast of 50

singers and dancers, and full sets, costumes, lights and orchestra." And he adds a heart-ening note for the future of live theater: "We had 140 performing arts students audition — including 40 men."
Look for Andrea Savine as Tony; Maria Montano (Maria); Michelle McGoon (Anita) and Jesse Saler (Bernardo).
Reserved seats are \$10; general admission \$9.
Send items of interest to Jack Tucker at 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA, 94806; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@ccctimes.com, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

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fast-fading — "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" has now been trumped by "Link's" Queen of Mean, Anne Robinson, and her verbal cannibals of contestants. Alas, the torture-tainment trend seems to be gaining momentum. But two years from now, who knows? But for now, says trade paper AdWeek, "torture as entertainment" is hot, and contestants will continue to be challenged to answer questions while being frozen, roasted, or otherwise tormented.
But the stress-filled genre does have its lighter moments. On "The Chamber," one contestant — a Harvard graduate, no less — guessed that Nevada is a state that borders the ocean. Of course, being sprayed with ice crystals while being spun around like a load of laundry might have had something to do with it.
MEDIA NOTES: Local stand-up comic and radio personality Bob Sarlatte called this week to plug his appearance on David Letterman's show next Tuesday night. Sarlatte, an old pal of Dave's going back to the days when both were breaking into the business, says, "It's my first Letterman appearance since 9-11. I used to come out and do a stand-up routine, but now Dave just wants me to sit down and gab about the past." Sarlatte, who also coaches high-school girls'

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5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, (510) 430-2164 or (510) 430-3250.
MUSEE DES HOMMAGES — "Masterworks Copies by Guy Colwell," ongoing. A new museum of masterwork recreations of famous European paintings handpainted by master California artist Colwell. The paintings, which cover a wide spectrum of European paintings from Van Eyck in the 15th century to Picasso in the 20th century, are full-scale, faithful copies of works by famous artists of the past, created in an attempt to understand the secrets of these great artists. The museum does not have regular hours so call ahead when planning a visit. Free. 2028 9th St., Berkeley. (510) 841-4210 or www.atelier9.com.
THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA — "Scene in Oakland, 1852-2002: Artworks Celebrating the City's 150th Anniversary," March 9 through Aug. 25. An exhibition of paintings, drawings, watercolors and photographs dating from 1852 to 2002 featuring views of Oakland by 48 California artists.
"Catherine Courtenaye Sampler," through May 8. Works by the artist. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In Latham Square Office Building, 1611 Telegraph Ave.
"Being There: 45 Oakland Artists," through May 12. An invitational exhibition featuring works in a variety of media, including painting, sculpture, photography and mixed media by contemporary artists who and/or work in Oakland.
"Recent Works by Raymond Howell," through March 31. An exhibition of 15 works in oil, mixed media and silkscreen by the Oakland painter and printmaker. The works include street scenes and portraits of jazz musicians and African American children.
"California's Native Grandeur: Preserving Vanishing Landscapes," through April 14. An exhibition of approximately 50 paintings that documents the visions of early West Coast landscape painters. Artists featured include William Wendt, Granville Redmond, Maynard Dixon, William Keith, Thomas Hill, Paul Grimm and Guy Rose.
"The Rustler Ranch Mastodon Project," ongoing. Visitors are invited to watch staff members of the Natural Sciences Department prepare a nearly complete mastodon for exhibit. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
SPECIAL EVENTS — "Berkeley 1900," March 14, 1 p.m. Author Richard Schwartz of the Berkeley Historical Society discusses his new book. Free.
"Art IS Education," March 16, 1 p.m. A showcase of visual and performing arts exhibits, demonstrations, workshops and display booths.
"Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Depart-

basketball in S.F., adds, "Dave's changed since his heart surgery." Sarlatte laughs. "He's not as mean to me as he used to be. Last time I was on, I gave as good as I got."
Fox's new comedy/drama premiering Monday, "The American Embassy," is not only a knock-off of the show it's replacing for nine weeks, the silly "Ally McBeal," it's so bad it could do irreparable harm to Anglo-American relations. That is, if many Brits watched it. Skip this one.
Finally, a movie Vietnam vets will like — and finally, one that makes that war more meaningful to us non-participants. I speak, of course, of the first-rate "We Were Soldiers," easily the best military movie in a long, long time. This military brat gives it three and a half stars; I was surprised by how good it was.
KRON-TV reporter Greg Lyon, a 20-year Channel 4 vet, has been making headlines with his recent high-profile, first-rate investigative series on possible solutions to San Francisco's seemingly intractable homeless problem. Lyon accompanied maverick San Francisco supervisor Gavin Newsome to New York City to investigate the Big Apple's success in getting its homeless off the streets. It was a first-rate piece of enterprise reporting, the kind the award-winning work Lyon is known for. Given his high stature in local broadcast journalism, it's hard to believe that prior to coming to

KRON, Lyon was a staff reporter at The National Enquirer. (Greg hates it when I mention that.)
I had the opportunity to speak to a class taught by Lyon's colleague, KRON movie critic Jan "The Hat Lady" Wahl the other day, over in Marin at the toney Branson Academy. The class was Critical Thinking, and, sure enough, Jan and I disagreed on several movies. I asked the good-natured Wahl about reports I'd heard from inside the station that Wahl, who also does movie reviews for KCBS, is not pleased that annoying KRON early-morning news anchor Darya Folsom, for some reason, is being employed as the show's movie critic on KRON's new 7-9 a.m. program. The normally voluble Wahl said she didn't want to talk about it, so I changed the subject. Critical thinking, along with basic finance, should be required subjects in every high school.
Speaking of critical thinking and spending money wisely, a useful rule of thumb I've seen proven repeatedly: Any time you see a TV ad for a movie, play or stage show (like Rob Becker's "Defending the Caveman") that features edited clips of audience members gushing about the show, there's a better than 99 percent chance it's a stinkeroo.
(Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at Newsmann@sonic.net)

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TOURS — Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Art a la Carte, ongoing. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission.
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RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY — Permanent exhibits highlight Richmond's cultural, industrial and architectural legacy. "Places of Faith and Worship," ongoing. An exhibit documenting the history of the many churches that reflect Richmond's diverse cultures and lifestyles. Free. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevins Ave., Richmond. (510) 235-7387.
UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM — "Migrations: Photographs by Sebastiao Salgado," through March 24. A major traveling exhibition featuring 300 black-and-white photographs of immigrants and refugees taken by the Brazilian photographer.
"Near and Far," through July 7. An exhibition of 60 works, selected from the museum collection, which explore the panorama of 19th century views from all reaches of the globe. Works in the exhibit range from pioneering photographs of Yosemite Valley to

provocative paintings and graphics made in Brittany by Paul Gauguin, as well as Hiroshige's scenes of travelers in the shadow of Mt. Fuji.
"The Subject is Art: 1400-1800," through July 7. The exhibition reveals the breadth of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and sculpture in the UC Berkeley Art Museum collections. Among the 50 works of art featured are European religious paintings and prints, portraiture from the 16th and 17th centuries, Indian miniatures, and late 18th century American portraits.
"Hans Hofmann: Real/Life," through May 26. This exhibition in the Museum's Hofmann Gallery explores the sources of Hofmann's understanding of "the real" in abstract painting through comparisons with works by other modern artists including Wassily Kandinsky, Robert Delaunay and Alexej von Jawlensky.
"Ansel Adams in the University of California Collections," closing March 10. The exhibition, drawn from the University of California's Bancroft Library Pictorial Collection, presents a different selection of Adams' work from inspirational scenes of California wilderness to photographs of the UC Berkeley campus and images he produced as a commercial photographer. The exhibition also includes personal material about Adams as well as informal and candid photographs of Adams himself. \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students ages 12 to 18; free children under 12 and UC Berkeley students; free Thursdays. Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 642-0808 or www.bampfa.berkeley.edu

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

The Young People's Symphony Orchestra (YPSO), performs at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 10, at Julia Morgan Theater, 2840 College Ave. The YPSO, the second oldest youth orchestra in the US, has been rehearsing and performing in the East Bay since 1937. The annual Spring Concert will feature works by Berlioz, Holst, Rimsky-Korsakov and Copland. Tickets: Adults \$15, Children \$10. Seniors \$10. For more information, call 845-8542.

Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call Pediatric Care at 531-7551.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9662.

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LBGTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8650 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups for Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and

is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lshinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10

Community

Our Family Coalition, and the Berkeley YMCA presents the fourth annual Gay and Lesbian Family Night at the YMCA from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the YMCA in Berkeley, 2001 Alston Way, just one block from BART. The evening includes a pizza party, swimming, juggling demonstration and instruction, clowning, face painting, soccer, floor hockey, music, karate demo and much more for toddlers through teens. Special teen programs available including water basketball. The events are free, a donation is requested, and is open to all LGBT families and their friends. RSVP 665-3238 with name, number of adults and kids' ages.

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TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. For more information call Betty Coates at 235-0490. This chapter has moved from Richmond

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way, Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The

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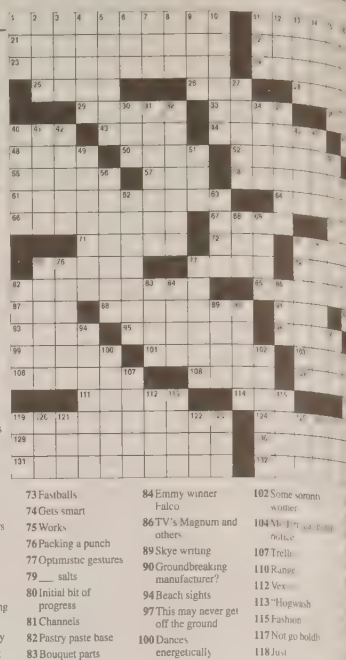
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Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

"Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effec-

tiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 548-1335.

English-In-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663

Exhibits

The Women's Cancer Research Center (WCRC) features a retrospective show of the work of the late Jan Hart-Schuyers through March 13. The exhibit is part of "The Art for Living Black (TAOLB)," open studios for local African-American artists. Ms. Hart-Schuyers was the co-founder of TAOLB. WCRC gallery hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday,

and noon to 4 p.m., and by appointment, Saturdays. There is no charge for admission and the gallery is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 548-9286 ex. 307

Berkeley Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave., continues its exhibit of "Ansel Adams from the University of California Collection," through March 10. The exhibition consists of a selection of photographs and memorabilia drawn from the extensive holdings of the UC Bancroft Library. For more information, call 643-6494.

The Richmond Museum of History continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and hometown contributions during WWII. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at the corner of 4th Street and Nevin Ave. Call

235-7387 for more information, arrange tours

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Alta Bates Medical Center, work by members of the Watercolor Association. City Art Gallery, 2480 Mt. Berkeley. The gallery will be open to the public on the desk and man entrance. 4444 for additional information

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Community Events

Book & Noble Booksellers, 2352 Broadway Ave., present on Saturday, March 9 at 2 p.m. author B.K. Frantzis presenting his book "Relaxing Into Zen." Frantzis provides practical techniques that will help you alter the patterns of tension and stress to a discovery of inner peace. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 525-3565.

Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2200 California Way. This computer scans text and reads it back aloud in a synthesized voice. It's available for use with a disability that prevents one from competing a brief training session before using the Reading Edge. After that, reservations are not needed. Call the Reference Desk at 525-3565 to set up a training session.

Berkeley Art Association's next meeting, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., on Friday, March 11, features Berkeley artist and author Ross Drago. The

meeting is in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 2007 Mooser Lane. Drago trained at State University of New York at Buffalo in painting and sculpture. He is the founder of the Berkeley Energy Art Studio. His Modular Art concept is based on energy symbols found in geometric shapes. Meetings are open to the public with a \$2 donation suggested for non-members. For more information about ECAA, call 559-8640.

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Free seminar on Natural Learning Rhythms, a holistic understanding of child development, takes place from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Berkeley Public Library, Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvue Ave. The program describes each stage of a child's life, natural pauses and transitions. Registration is required. Call 800-2001107 for more information.

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Julia Morgan Center for the Arts hosts an informational and discussion session regarding dance opportunities in the Bay Area. The center opens its doors to the dance community and presents its plans for Dance Week 2002 and for future dance performances on the stage of Julia Morgan Theatre. The event is free. RSVP to

Bridget Frederick at bridget@juliamorgan.org or by calling 845-8542, ext. 302. Visit the Web site at www.juliamorgan.org for more details.

Kensington Senior Activity Center meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The West Contra Costa Adult school and community volunteers present the Center's program of life-long learning. Attend any class or event. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for more information.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Lard at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

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Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information. **Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)** meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for

more information

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday

of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765. **The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second

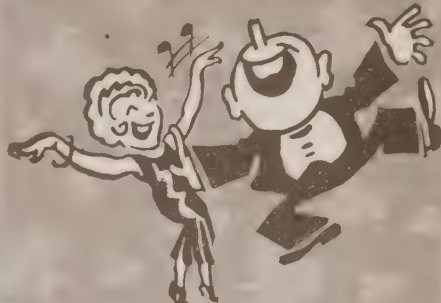
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Music

Chamber Music Sundae, featuring members of the San Francisco Symphony, presents quartets of Haydn and Dvorak and the Schubert Trout Quintet at 3:15 p.m. March 10, in St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Tickets at the door: \$18, \$14 for Seniors and Students and \$8 for under 18. For more information, call 415-584-5946.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra presents "Splendors of Versailles and Madrid," at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 9, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10, at the First Congregational Church (Dana and Durant). Early music expert Jordi Savall returns to California with Baroque Music from the Royal Court composers of Spain and France. Call 437-9881 for more information.

Cal Performances presents avant-garde musician and performance artist Laurie Anderson at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9 at the 101 Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. Anderson will perform her new solo work, "Happiness." Price: \$20 and \$42. Tickets are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office; Tickets.com; and at the door. For more information, or to charge by phone, call Cal Performances at 642-9988 or visit the Cal Performances Web site at www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

Cal Performances presents the Petersen Quartet, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 10, in Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. The Quartet was founded in 1979 by students at the Hanns Eisler Musikhochschule in Berlin and went on to win top prizes at international festivals. The quartet will perform Beethoven's String Quartet in D major, Shostakovich's String Quartet No. 14 in F-sharp major, and Ravel's String Quartet in F major. A free Sightlines pre-concert discussion with the artists will take place from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$34. Call the Cal Performances Ticket Office at 642-9988 for ticket availability.

The Distaff Singers, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tues-

day nights, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 601-5824, or L.J. 482-1677. **Duckman Distones**, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lankford, Drums and Larry Giustino on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

Aahkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information. **Friday Night Folk Dancing**: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

Outdoors

Grizzly Peak Flyfishers, a non-profit organization, dedicated to conservation and education in flyfishing, is holding its annual "Flyfishing Festival," at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 14, at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington. The event features flyfishing demonstrations and tutoring, beginning through advanced. Beginners are welcome. For more information, call John at 524-0428.

The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a free sick plant clinic on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. For more information, call 643-2755.

Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds: house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lelia 6555-3911.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and to find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointments and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional

information, leave a message for Anne Levine.

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Support

Alta Bates Medical Center presents a free support group for family, friends caring for older adults from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., on the third Wednesday of each month. The session takes place at the Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley, third floor, room 3369B (take elevator B). The group will focus on the needs of older adults with serious medical problems, psychiatric illnesses, such as depression, dementia and/or substance abuse. For more information or if interested in a private consultation, call 802-1725.

The number of recent tragedies both locally and across the nation can evoke reactions that can affect us emotionally, physically, in our thoughts and behavior. Alameda County Crisis Support Services offers help through its 24-hour crisis line, grief counseling, education and community debriefing programs. Call 849-2212 for more information.

A free Yoga for Cancer class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Restorative Yoga class meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$10 per class. Easy, luxurious stretches and mindful breathing help to ease tension and discomfort and open the body to relaxation and well-being. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Adult Survivors of Incest, a local support group in the east bay is being formed. The group will gather for healing discussions and also various activities, including hiking, dancing, classic film watching, traveling, or any fun activity. Interested participants, call Atica Peece at 625-1698. Feel free to leave a message.

The pain and grief associated with the death of a loved one can often feel

overwhelming — especially during the holidays. Many people suffer isolation. The grief counseling project is here to help. No one is turned away for lack of money. Call 889-1104.

"The Grief Care Community" offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating

positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary.

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Call 204-4503 for additional information.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Cancer Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.balf.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to homebound seniors. Call 644-8590.

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group presents Dorothea Dorenz, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

Lecture/Workshop

YWCA Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents "Peace Corps — A Springboard to Your Future," from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 12. Regional Peace Corps recruiter and UC Berkeley campus representative, Jean Elisen will discuss how international volunteer work can enhance your competitiveness. Cost: \$3 at the door. The event is a part of the YWCA's Brown Bag Career Talks series. For more information, call 848-6370.

Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay, 2494 Shattuck Ave., Suite 210, presents an eight-week interfaith couples discussion group from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. Thursday, March 7. For more information, e-mail dawn@eb.fed.org or call Cathy Diamond at 704-7475 ex. 225.

UC Botanical Garden offers a free plant clinic from 9 a.m. to noon, first Saturday of every month at Strawberry Canyon, 200 Centennial Drive. For more information, call 843-2755.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. To sign up call 268-4995.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

Learn Computer Applications for the "working" world Using Windows '95 and '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0840 or visit the web site at www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/rop.

"What Is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Book-sellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Prigito Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information. Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Theater, Dance & Film

WIT Productions, 2424 10th St., presents Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," from March 9 through 31 at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Hours are: Wednesday through Thursday, 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m. Cost: \$25, general admission. Help price Wednesdays. Discounts available; call for details. Call 925-798-1300 for

reservations or more information.

Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130.

Family Folkdancing takes place on the third Sundays, 1:20 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

Swing Dance Classes! Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

Classes

Vista Community College offers classes in Adventure Travel, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays through May 23. The course covers various kinds of adventure travel: hard adventure, soft adventure, and cultural/spiritual adventure. The curriculum includes adventure travel specials such as biking, mountaineering, overland trips, safaris, rafting, hiking, small boat and expedition-style cruising, and more. For more information, call 981-2931.

Albany Adults School offers classes in Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish this quarter. Most classes meet in the evening once a week for 10 weeks. A few are offered in the afternoon also. Meet at 601 San Gabriel Ave. in Albany, or across the street at the Albany Middle School. Average cost is \$48 plus books. Call the Adult School at 559-6580 for more information.

Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to

11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library.) Simple and clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (prorated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. For more information, call Mel Harle, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

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This breakfast promises to inspire and generate insight as this exceptional artist shares her career creating challenging and poignant works of art, as well as training young people become confident artists and business people who will create meaningful additions to their communities and the world around them.

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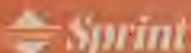
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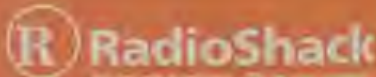
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Section D

Volkswagen Beetle goes turbo to attract men [D2]



THE NEW BMW 7 SERIES has a shorter wheelbase, but longer overall length resulting in a large and substantial yet sporty sedan

High tech meets high fashion in new BMW 7 Series sedan

The new BMW 7 Series sedan breaks new ground with design, engineering and technology while remaining true to BMW traditions and philosophy.

In a nutshell, electrical intelligence triumphs over the electro-mechanical systems of yesteryear in the new BMW sedan.

The evolutionary nature of exterior design, one of the German automaker's hallmarks, has been replaced by a revolutionary design departure for the new 7-Series.

A new design language underscores the radical departure of this

large sedan from its predecessors.

In developing a luxury-performance automobile that redefines luxury, performance, design and technology, the marque has launched a new era of automotive excellence — with more than 60 significant improvements over the previous sedan.

Roomy, smart, attractive, fast and sensual — the new BMW brings a decidedly modern European flavor to American shores that is worthy of a test drive.

In response to customer input in North America and Asia, BMW

KEN CHESTER JR.
Road Writer

designed the new 7-Series with more "presence" — a big sedan that looks bigger, more prestigious and more impressive.

The utterly new look incorporates minimal exterior decoration and no body side moldings to maintain a type of design purity in the overall look.

Overhangs, the distance from the wheel centers to the ends of the

vehicle, are compact — actually shorter than the previous model, although overall length is up slightly. The result is a large sedan with a substantial, yet sporty look.

Available in two models — the 745i and 745iL, the large German sedan is powered by an all-new prime mover — the N62 4.4L V-8.

This revolutionary new engine produces almost the same power as the current 750iL V-12 engine, a good 15 percent more horsepower than the predecessor V-8.

The result is that the driver's call for power via the accelerator pedal

is markedly livelier and more spontaneous. The automaker's new Valvetronic valve lift system is combined with its steplessly variable Double VANOS affecting both intake and exhaust valve timing.

Bolted to this wonder of German engineering is an all-new six-speed automatic transmission. Considered one of the first of its type, the ZF gearbox does away with the mechanical gear selector — replaced with an electric one.

As a result, the transmission se-

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VW designs beefed-up Beetle to appeal to male buyers

BY G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Volkswagen is serious about getting men interested in buying the New Beetle.

Since its introduction, the car has appealed mostly to women, with sales to or for women exceeding 60 percent.

Little touches such as the bud vase on the dash were meant to appeal to female buyers, and the over-riding emotion that sells the car is its cuteness, something that women look for in an automobile much more than men do.

To help bring more men into the New Beetle fold, VW introduced a 1.8-liter, 150-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder engine version not long after the New Beetle was rolled out in late 1998, giving the car quite a boost from the 115 horsepower of the naturally aspirated 2.0-liter base engine.

That helped some. This engine, which is the same one used in other VW products, created quite a little beast out of the egg-shaped New Beetle and made it much more manly.

But that apparently wasn't enough to spur sales and bring in more men. Sales of the New Beetle, which hit a yearly high of almost 80,000 units early on, dropped to about 60,000 last year. VW says that is where it expected the New Beetle's sales to be, and that the nearly 80,000 sold was way higher than the business plan called for.

Still, to keep the car new and exciting so consumers will remain interested — at least until the long-awaited convertible model comes

out probably next year — it has to have something besides its basic cuteness.

That's where the new Turbo S model comes in for 2002.

Carrying another version of the 1.8-liter engine that created the 150-horsepower version, the 2002 New Beetle Turbo S comes with 180 horsepower. And that's enough of an increase that VW decided to put an electronic stability control system in the Turbo S models to help drivers control the vehicle with all of that power.

The 180-horsepower engine isn't a new one. Audi has been using it in the model TT sports car for the past couple of years, and VW also uses it as an optional upgrade in the Golf and Jetta.

It is the most powerful engine available in the New Beetle, at least in the United States. In Europe, VW puts a V-6 engine in the New Beetle but says that engine won't be available in the United States because the cars equipped with it can't meet U.S. crash-test standards.

The Turbo S comes with a new six-speed manual transmission that helps get the most performance out of the snappy little engine.

VW says the Turbo S can accelerate from zero to 60 mph in 7.4 seconds, and can reach an electronically governed top speed of 130 mph.

As the car's speed increases, an electrically activated spoiler pops up at the rear to help create stability. It is a bit disconcerting at first, though, because it makes a lot of noise as it automatically raises and lowers itself.

At a price tag of \$23,400 (plus \$550 transportation), the Turbo S is the most expensive of the New Beetle's 11 different models. The closest to it is the GLX 150-horsepower turbo model with automatic transmission for \$22,375. That compares with \$15,900 for the entry-level GL model with the 115-horsepower engine and five-speed manual gearbox.

The Electronic Stabilization Program, a computerized system, uses a combination of engine power, braking, and transmission to help stabilize the car in situations such as emergency avoidance of objects or other cars in the road.

The Turbo S still has the looks of the New Beetle, but there are some special styling cues to distinguish it from the rest. It has integrated fog lights, newly designed turn signals, and a spoiler up front.

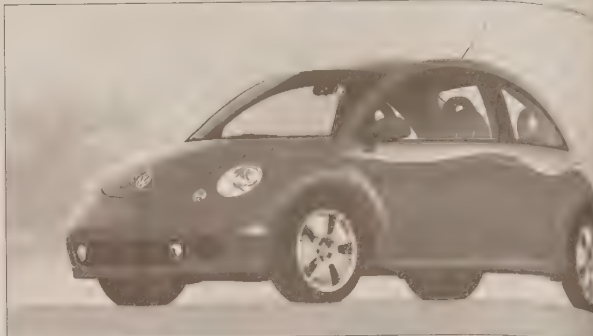
In the rear, there are a new bumper, a "Turbo S" badge and dual chrome exhaust tips. Also new are special 17-inch alloy wheels unique to this model.

As with the 150-horsepower models, the Turbo S has the speed-activated black rear spoiler that stays hidden at the top of the rear hatch until a speed of 45 mph.

Special exterior colors for the Turbo S model include reflex silver metallic, black, red and platinum gray.

The interior is well-appointed and quite comfortable, not to mention roomy. There are 93 cubic feet of interior space and the convenience of a hatchback for loading luggage and groceries and such.

Oh, yes, the Turbo S also comes with leather sport seats, heated in



THE VOLKSWAGEN TURBO S has integrated fog lights, newly designed turn signals, and a spoiler up front.

front. Other features include stainless steel pedals with grip holes. This metal look also is found throughout the cabin — in the shift knob, glove box handle, sport steering wheel spokes, door-lock sticks and even the bud vase.

There is a special leather wrapped, three-spoke steering wheel, black leather brake grip, and black leather shift boot with gray stitching.

The round instrument gauges come with a new white-on-black illumination that is different from the indigo blue found on other New Beetle models.

The engine has new computer software that optimizes air intake, ignition timing, and fuel mixture to create the 180 horsepower at 5,500

rpm. Torque has been increased to 173 foot-pounds from 162 foot-pounds in the 150-horsepower version.

A turbo noise filter has been added to help keep the engine quiet.

Volkswagen's first-ever six-speed manual gearbox allows the driver to pick the perfect gear and rpm range for the driving situation.

Both fifth and sixth gears are overdrive, allowing for optimal fuel economy.

All New Beetles have traverse-mounted front engines and front-wheel-drive, a rigid body, and four-wheel independent suspension.

Other standard equipment on the Turbo S includes air conditioning; four-wheel antilock disc brakes, power one-touch windows

with pinch protection, power glass sunroof, windshield wipers, front center armrest, engine Monsoon stereo system, capability, front cup holder, theft alarm system, scoping steering wheel, volt power outlets, projector headlights, central power door lock, remote

Other touches include vanity mirrors, carpeted, remote fuel filler and hood, pollen/dust/odor filter, side mirrors, interior storage nets

As for safety, the institute for Highway Safety New Beetle is one of the vehicles it has ever

Luxury

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ally a dressed-up Chevy Cavalier, Hossack said.

Trying to pass off an economy vehicle for a Cadillac didn't work because consumers weren't fooled, Hossack said. On the other hand, BMW does it well with its 3-series, Hossack added.

The German automaker managed to create the series with the same qualities the company espouses throughout its brand. They look like BMW, ride like BMW and sound like BMW.

The quality of the vehicles is the most important thing, experts say. If the insignia says Jaguar or Cadillac, the car must say so, too.

So far, the strategy is working for Jaguar and Land Rover — both posted record sales in January compared to a year ago. The X-Type, with 2,763 sold in January, propelled Jaguar sales 87.5 percent over the same period a year earlier.

Sales for the Jaguar's other three models have declined at least 16 percent since January 2001.

At Cadillac, the CTS is expected to attract non-Caddy drivers to the brand, said Doug Schumacker, CTS assistant brand manager of marketing. It's aimed at 35-to-55-year-old professionals who might also consider buying a BMW, Audi, Lexus or Volvo.

The CTS' platform is new but may be used in the future to build other GM products, said Carolyn Landrum, GM spokeswoman.

The CTS is almost pure Cadillac, Landrum said. Any parts that are being used from the GM pantry are small and invisible to consumers, including the navigation system and traction-control systems.

"It's so much smarter to use common parts here and there and then you can pass on the savings to the consumer," she said.

The lower-end vehicles do lack some of the traditional luxury accessories, such as leather seats in the Land Rover Freelander, which retails for around \$25,000, and the wood grain console in

the Jaguar X-Type, which is powered by a Ford engine.

Selling the Land Rover name for so little isn't going to hurt, said Jon Williams, Land Rover vice president of marketing.

"We want to play in the small premium SUV area, and this is the way for us to do it," he said.

Freelander will still be exclusive because it's a Land Rover, he insists.

And later, he hopes, the Freelander buyers will move up to another Rover or sister brands Jaguar or Aston Martin. The three brands are in the same division, Irvine-based Premier Automotive Group. PAG is a division of Ford Motor Co. Jim Gillette, an auto expert from Grand Rapids, Mich.-based IRN Inc., said there are dangers associated with lower sticker prices.

"Moving people into a brand doesn't mean anything because people aren't going to stay in it if they don't want to," Gillette said. "There are millions of people who aspire to buy a Ferrari, but we don't see them out there building a \$30,000 Ferrari."

Road

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lector has migrated from the center console to a position just ahead of the steering wheel rim.

"Park" is engaged by pushing inward (to the left) on the Park button. "Drive" is engaged by pressing downward past the pressure point. "Reverse" is engaged by pressing upward past the pressure point. "Neutral" is the normal setting when the engine is first started. It is reached from reverse or drive by pushing upward or downward to the pressure point.

Inside the roomy, upscale passenger compartment, electronic convenience meets European chic in a tasteful rendition of the future. This is one smart automobile! Comfortable and luxurious, there is no way to share everything BMW has packed into this car.

One of the new features currently creating a buzz in automotive circles is what the automaker calls "iDrive" — the new way to command a BMW. Simply stated, iDrive is the automaker's solution to reduce the clutter of sophisticated controls without reducing the functionality or availability of modern technology.

The vehicle's control environment is divided into two areas — driving and comfort. This novel system separates functions that pertain directly to vehicle operation from those related more to occupant's comfort and well-being. The Driving Zone places all the displays and controls necessary to drive the sedan in front of the driver. This allows the driver to literally "summon the world at one's fingertips."

The Comfort Zone features a color monitor with menu accessible by the controller include the following: communications, navigation, entertainment, climate, BMW assist, vehicle (condition based service recommendations), help screen and configuration.

Standard safety/security features include dynamic stability control, dual front airbags, front and rear head protection system, front seat side-impact airbags, active knee protection, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock and electronic brake proportioning, navigation system, all-speed traction control and remote keyless entry.

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Carmakers keep momentum going with midyear entries

BY RICK POPELY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Like a restaurant that pours a bottomless cup of coffee, the auto industry serves an endless supply of new models throughout the year.

Instead of introducing all their vehicles Oct. 1, the traditional start of the model year, manufacturers roll out new hardware around-the-clock, when it best suits their schedules and purposes.

Several early 2003 models are on sale or will be soon, and a few 2002 models are waiting in the wings.

Here is a rundown of new models that have arrived since Jan. 1 or will be in showrooms before fall.

While some Americans were still nursing hangovers from New Year's Eve 2001, General Motors kicked off the 2003 model year. The rear-drive Cadillac CTS went on sale Jan. 2 as the luxury brand's entry-level model.

This month, Toyota introduces the 2003 Corolla and Matrix. The new Corolla sedan is larger than its predecessor, and its front-wheel-drive platform is the foundation for the Matrix, a sporty four-door hatchback aimed at younger buyers.

Pontiac also borrows heavily from Corolla with the 2003 Vibe, a hatchback similar to the Matrix that will be available this month. All-wheel-drive is available on the Vibe and Matrix.

Jeep emulates the look of race vehicles for off-road events with the 2002 Liberty Renegade, which will go on sale this spring. The Renegade wears a roof-mounted light bar, wheel well flares with a bolted-on look, removable tubular side steps and a two-tone front fascia.

In the summer, Jeep will add the 2003 Wrangler Rubicon, equipped for extreme off-road use.

Honda adds two new models this spring, the Civic Si and Civic Hybrid, both as 2003s. The Civic Si, due in this month, is a race two-door hatchback with a 2-liter, 160-horsepower engine not available in other Civics. The Civic Hybrid, coming in April, is a four-door sedan powered by a fuel-sipping four-cylinder gasoline engine and an electric motor.

The 2003 Honda Pilot, a new sport-utility vehicle based on the Acura MDX but with different styling, will arrive in the summer.

Acura updates its 3.2 CL coupe for 2003 with more aggressive styling, a 6-speed manual transmission and General Motors' OnStar telematics system as a new option. Sales begin in March.

Around the same time, Suzuki introduces a pair of small, FWD cars, the 2003 Aerio sedan and Aerio SX four-door hatchback. All-wheel-drive will be available in the fall.

March is a busy month for new models. That is when the 2003 Infiniti G35, a sporty rear-wheel-drive sedan, goes on sale with a \$27,100 base price. The Mini Cooper, BMW's modern rendition of the British icon, arrives as a 2002 model with a base price of \$16,850. The Mini is the shortest car in the U.S. at 142 inches, about 14 inches shorter than the Mazda Miata.

GM broadens its SUV roster with the Chevrolet TrailBlazer EXT and GMC Envoy XL, extended versions of midsize SUVs. They are 16 inches longer and three inches taller than the regular TrailBlazer and En-

voy and have a standard third seat to raise passenger capacity to seven from five.

Also in March, Maserati re-enters the U.S. market after an 11-year hiatus with the Spyder GT, a two-seat convertible. A four-seat coupe is due a month later. Both use a 4.2-liter V-8.

Chrysler tries to give its convertible line more pizzazz by installing a five-speed manual transmission in the Sebring GTC, a late-arriving 2002.

Hyundai begins selling the 2003 Tiburon sports coupe soon and the styling is an evolution of the current model. A 2.7-liter V-6 and 6-speed manual transmission are new options. Base prices will range from \$15,999 to \$19,997.

The 2003 Mercedes-Benz SL roadster goes on sale in the spring with racier styling than the current model, a new power retractable hardtop and a 5-liter V-8 engine.

A high-performance AMG version and a V-12 model will come later.

Audi expands the A4 lineup in spring with the 2002 Avant wagon. A redesigned A4 sedan came out last fall and a convertible is due next fall.

Ford Motor plans early introductions of several 2003 models, but it expresses its schedule in seasons instead of months. The 2003 Ford Expedition full-size SUV comes out in spring with fresh front styling, a new independent rear suspension, roomier rear seat that folds flat into the floor and other functional changes. The Lincoln Navigator, a luxury version of the SUV, follows by a month or two with similar changes plus a power liftgate.

Also due in spring are a mildly restyled Lincoln Town Car with chassis and interior changes aimed at pleasing an older clientele, and the Ford Focus SVT, a perfor-

mance-oriented version of the two-door hatchback aimed at the younger set.

Mercury tries to rekindle its performance image with the Marauder, a muscle-car rendition of the Grand Marquis sedan. The V-8-powered Marauder will arrive in early summer and boast 300 h.p.

Lincoln will add another SUV for 2003 the Aviator, which arrives late summer or early fall. The Aviator, which debuts this month in New York, is based on the Ford Explorer, but Lincoln says it gets unique styling and features.

By early May Volkswagen will introduce the Passat W8 sedan and wagon, all-wheel-drive models with an innovative 8-cylinder engine. W8 is named for the engine configuration, four banks of cylinders in an overlapping double-V layout.

A redesigned Subaru Forester SUV arrives in May as an early 2003 model built

on the new Impreza platform.

In June, Ford-owned Lincoln introduces a redesigned Range Rover, longed to BMW. The 2003 Range Rover has a BMW V-8 and a base price of \$70,000.

Later in summer, GM introduces a redesigned Hummer H2, an SUV based on the Tahoe with Hummer's off-road capability. The Hummer H2 is expected to debut about half that of the current model.

Nissan plans to introduce a sports car in just ahead of the models coming in the fall for an August debut at a price of \$26,629.

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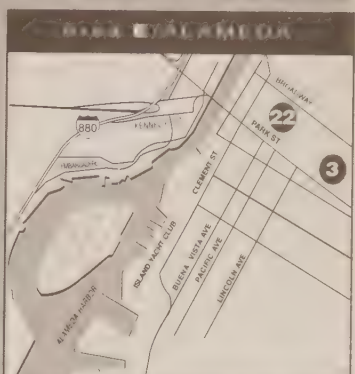
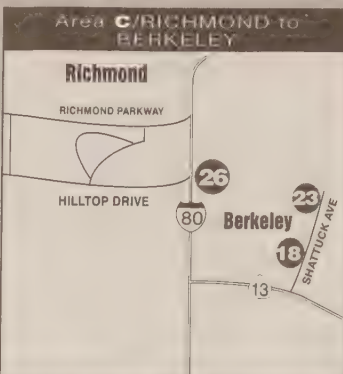
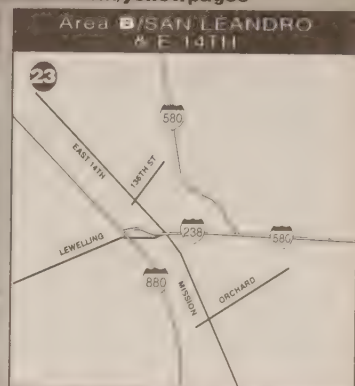
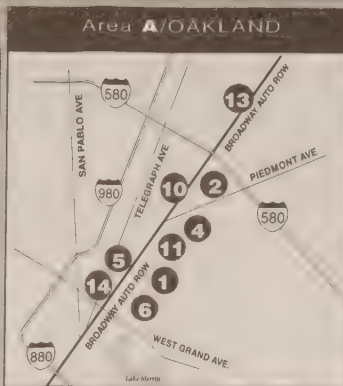
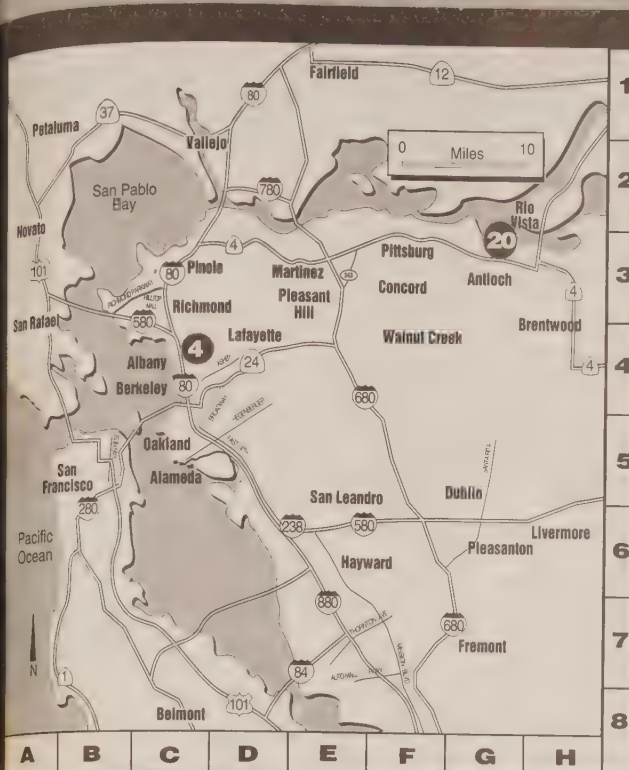
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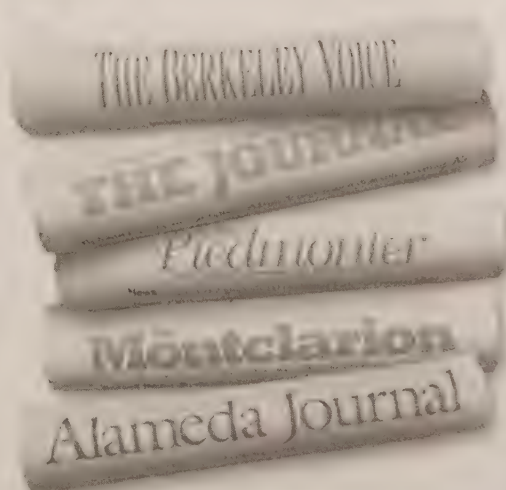
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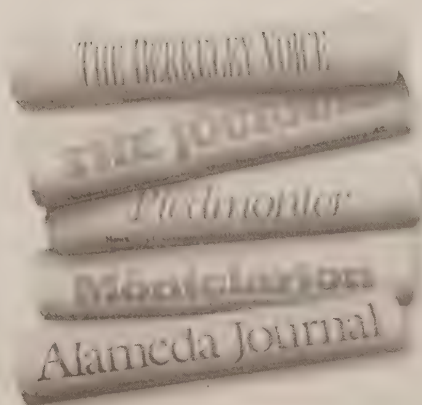
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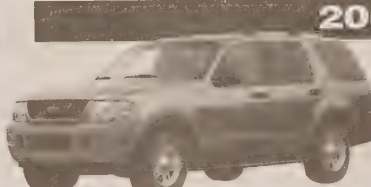
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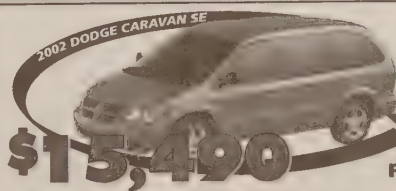
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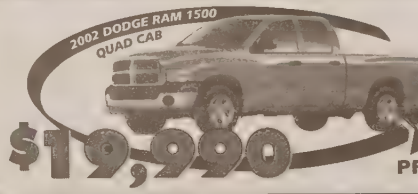


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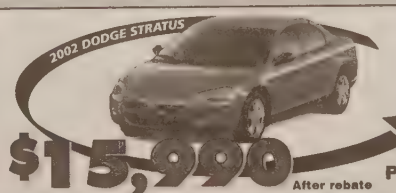


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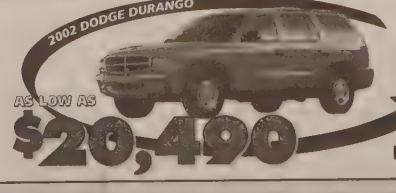


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Praise of potatoes — Try hundreds of tasty tater treats

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CONN. — Roy Finamore, a leading editor of cookbooks including Martha Stewart Living, Willam and Diana

he has stepped out from his editor's desk and into the kitchen. Finamore, along with Molly Stevens, has produced a comprehensive book on America's favorite potato, "One Potato, Two Potato" (Houghton Mifflin, \$35.00).

It is packed with information and recipes, with enough variations, anecdotes and serving suggestions to make them totally accessible for the home cook.

Like Finamore himself, the recipes' headnotes are personable and fun. You can imagine the good times he and Stevens had in the kitchen as they tested the recipes.

The book has a section on choosing and cooking potatoes, as well as information on other cooking basics. Then there are some 300 recipes ranging from appetizers, main dishes and side dishes to

desserts, some of them shown in color photos.

Finamore's favorite recipe? He says the Farmhouse Chocolate Cake is one. I asked Finamore, who is based in New York City, if he was tired of potatoes. He sounded incredulous at the thought.

"How could that be?"

"Yes, I did work on developing and testing for about two years — Molly and I went through about 1,500 pounds of potatoes — but the thing about potatoes is that they're so incredibly versatile," he explained.

"You can just keep cooking and cooking and not make the same thing twice. But I still look forward to those months of early summer when fresh-dug potatoes first hit the farmers' market — you know, the ones with the barest wisps of paper skin — so I can steam them and just eat them with salt."

For the time being, as long as winter is with us, we'll have to find comfort in some of the book's more soul-satisfying recipes — and just dream about those potatoes of the summer.

Finamore points out that many of us may remember potato skins as "overloaded bar food from the '70s and '80s." Those were often deep-fried, but his version was created to be baked so you can taste the crunchy roasted potato skin underneath the topping.

ROASTED POTATO SKINS (BASIC RECIPE)

4 russet potatoes (each about 3/4 pound), scrubbed

Heat the oven to 350 F.

Place the potatoes on the center oven rack and bake until tender enough that you can easily make an indentation by squeezing, 60 to 70 minutes. About halfway through baking, prick the skins in a few spots with a fork to allow steam to escape.

Let the potatoes cool on a rack

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for at least 1 hour. (The skins tend to tear if you try to prepare them when the potatoes are still warm.)

Heat the oven to 450 F.

Slice each potato lengthwise in half and scoop out most of the flesh, leaving a 1/4- to 1/3-inch layer of flesh on the skin, just enough to keep the skins from being too flimsy. Using a very sharp knife or

scissors, cut the skins lengthwise into 1-inch-wide strips. Ordinarily, you will get 3 strips from each potato half.

Arrange the strips close together, skin side down, on a baking sheet. Brush them with olive oil or melted butter, according to the topping recipe. Scatter the topping onto the skins (avoid overloading, which

makes the skins hard to eat and less crisp). Roast until browned and very crisp, 18 to 20 minutes.

Serve hot. You may want to dollop sour cream on the hot skins — especially the bacon and Jack ones.

Makes about 2 dozen

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Avoid the winter slump by serving up Cherry Berry Parfait

BY ELIZABETH PIVONKA, PH.D.
(NAPS)

The good news is that eating lots of fruits and vegetables can help prevent many of the nation's most deadly and debilitating diseases. The bad news is that less than 75 percent of Americans eat the minimum five servings of fruits and vegetables each day.

Children miss the Five A Day mark by more than one-and-a-half servings a day. We have the proverbial "silver bullet" and don't take full advantage of it.

Simply adding a fruit snack and a small salad every day to the diets of children would put them over the Five A Day goal.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans eat the most fruit in the summer. But even then we eat only 54 percent of the recommended servings.

During the winter, fruit consumption slips to a record low 44 percent of the recommended servings, and 15 to 18 year olds are among the lowest. Boys eat just 29 percent and girls 34 percent of the fruit recommended by the Food Guide Pyramid during the winter months.

This winter slump probably has its roots in a time when supplies of summer fruit ended with the U.S. growing season. In our growing global marketplace, countries like Chile-whose seasons are opposite ours-help provide us with a year-round supply of fruits and vegetables unmatched by any nation in the world.

Chilean dark, sweet cherries are in U.S. markets from November until the end of January, and

Chile's blueberries and red raspberries are available late in November until the end of May.

Raspberries, blueberries and cherries contain powerful antioxidant phytonutrients that studies suggest may prevent coronary artery disease and certain cancers. Antioxidants help prevent disease by mopping up the cell-damaging free radicals that the body produces as it converts food into energy.

Sweet cherries, blueberries and raspberries are also good sources of fiber and vitamin C. A one-cup serving of raspberries has about one third of the recommended daily intake of fiber.

But most importantly, the wonderful taste of fresh sweet cherries and berries from Chile are a sure way to beat the winter slump and hit the Five A Day for Better Health goal.

Try this Cherry Berry Parfait. It's so good even a fussy teenager will come back for seconds.

CHERRY BERRY PARFAIT

- 1 cup fresh sweet Chilean cherries
 - 1 cup chopped fresh or canned pineapple
 - 1 cup fresh Chilean raspberries or blueberries
 - 1 cup low-fat vanilla or lemon yogurt
 - 1 medium banana, sliced
 - 1/3 cup chopped dates
 - 1/4 cup sliced, toasted almonds
- Set aside 4 whole Chilean cherries. Remove the pits and slice the remaining cherries in half. In stemmed glasses, layer the cherries, pineapple, raspberries, yogurt, banana and dates. Sprinkle almonds on top and garnish with a whole sweet cherry. Makes 4 servings

For information on fresh fruit from Chile and the Five A Day for Better Health program, go to: www.cffa.org, www.5aday.com and www.aboutproduce.com.

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In a medium-sized bowl, whisk egg with 1 tablespoon water. Combine bread crumbs and cheese in a shallow bowl. Coat 'Rogies' first with egg mixture, then with bread crumbs; arrange on prepared baking sheet. Roast 'Rogies' until crisp and golden, about 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine marinara sauce and red pepper flakes; simmer over medium heat about 5 minutes.

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Tasty tricks tempt kids to eat the right things

BY STEPHANIE DUNNEWIND
THE SEATTLE TIMES

Can't get kids to eat healthfully? Here are some tips from child-care cooks and nutritionists.

- Give kids fresh fruit rather than fruit juice.
- Serve meals family-style and let children choose what they want.
- Keep portions small. Otherwise, children get overwhelmed by the amount and give up before even trying.
- Chop vegetables very fine.
- Serve vegetables and fruit as finger foods with dips.
- Chop an unfamiliar vegetable into small pieces and mix it with ones children like and recognize.
- Stuff vegetables and other sandwich ingredients into pita pockets.
- Stuff won-ton wrappers with vegetables and then steam or bake them or use them in soups.
- Use carrots, cauliflower, celery and other cut-up vegetables as a scoop for hummus or refried beans.
- These are better for kids than chips.
- Spread a tortilla with reduced-fat cream cheese and top with turkey, raw grated carrots and raw spinach. Roll up and cut in half and serve.
- Serve baked potatoes and offer toppings such as grated cheese and steamed vegetables rather than butter or sour cream.
- Play with colors. Serve red bell pepper mixed with corn, for example.
- Add cooked peas, carrots or broccoli to steamed rice or noodles.
- Use low-fat ground turkey or a meat substitute to make meatballs, sandwich patties or meatloaf.
- Add grated carrots to meatloaf.
- Use pureed or grated vegetables such as pumpkin, carrots or zucchini in breads, muffins or pancakes.
- Bake yams and serve them like baked potatoes.
- Or top them with sugar and cinnamon and eat as a dessert.
- Milk is the largest source of saturated fat in children's diets, followed by cheese, according to the Center for Science in the Public Interest.
- To cut down on this for children older than 3, serve fat-free milk and reduced-fat cheese (or leave cheese off meat sandwiches, for example).
- Other fat-cutting ideas: Switch to low-fat slices of meat instead of bologna or other luncheon meats and serve breadsticks or low-fat crackers rather than chips.

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The tasty truth about California tomatoes

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Tomatoes are sometimes a little misunderstood. There are many myths floating around about this popular produce item, and many of them are far from true.

For starters, tomatoes are a fruit, not a vegetable as many believe. The seeds in the tomato are what classify it as a fruit.

Here's another truth about tomatoes — you don't need to refrigerate them. Many people put tomatoes in the refrigerator when they get home, but the cold temperatures stop them from ripening and cause them to lose their flavor. The best thing you can do for your tomato is to leave it on the counter and allow it to fully ripen.

Another myth surrounding this popular fruit is that tomatoes are genetically altered. Ask any California farmer and he or she will tell you that this is simply not true. Commercially grown tomatoes are bred using the same techniques used for tomatoes you can grow in your backyard.

In fact, the popular Celebrity variety, grown in backyards everywhere, was, until recently, a popular commercial variety grown in California.

For all the misconceptions that tomatoes sometimes suffer, they are still one of the most popular fruits available.

Maybe that's because they are so versatile and so many dishes would be lost without them. From salads to sandwiches and sauces to salsas, tomatoes are an integral ingredient.

The health benefits surrounding tomatoes may be so good that they sound mythical, but they're not. Tomatoes help prevent prostate cancer because they contain a nutrient called lycopene. Scientists found a link between the consumption of tomatoes and a reduced risk for developing prostate cancer.

In addition, Scotland scientists have recently discovered that tomatoes may help in reducing circulatory problems in the heart, brain and elsewhere. The new study found that tomatoes may contain a powerful substance that prevents blood clots from forming.

In addition to helping ward off certain cancers, one regular tomato contains 20 percent of your daily vitamin A requirements. With only 35 calories for one medium size tomato (148g), they pack a lot of nutritional punch.

Now that you're armed with all this accurate information about tomatoes, you may want to incorporate more of them into your meals.

Below is a wonderful pizza recipe using fresh tomatoes, garlic and goat cheese that should please the whole family. Or, if you're ordering pizza for delivery, try placing thinly sliced fresh tomatoes on your pizza, it adds a little something special to an everyday meal.

For more information about tomatoes, and to enter a recipe contest, log onto www.tomato.org and find out how to receive a free tomato magnet.

BUCCI'S INSALATA PIZZA

Pizza Crust:

4 cups all purpose flour, divided

1 tsp. salt

2 tsp. sugar

1 Tbsp. instant dry yeast

1 1/2 cups very warm water

1 Tbsp. corn meal

Toppings:

9-10 California roma tomatoes, sliced

3 Tbsp. olive oil, divided

1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar

1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. black pepper

2 heads of garlic, roasted, peeled and chopped

1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese

1 Tbsp. chopped fresh mint

2 Tbsp. chopped arugula

Directions:

Marinate tomatoes and roasted

garlic while preparing dough.

To roast garlic: Slice top of

garlic just enough to expose

cloves. Place on a square of

foil, drizzle with 1 Tbsp. of

olive oil and wrap up tightly

in foil. Place in a 400°F

oven for 30 minutes until

golden and soft. Cool. To

remove garlic cloves, gently

press skins and cloves will

pop out. Slice thinly.

Place sliced tomatoes in a

non metallic bowl with 1 Tbsp.

olive oil, vinegar, salt and

pepper for at least 30

minutes at room temperature.

In a large mixing bowl

combine 3 cups flour with

salt, sugar and yeast. Add

warm water (warmest

temperature from the faucet),

and stir vigorously with a

wooden spoon, until dough

is combined and sticky.

Gradually add only as

much remaining flour as

necessary to make a soft

dough. Remove to a

clean counter and knead

for 10 minutes until smooth

and elastic, more flour may

be necessary for

a soft, yet firm dough. Place in an oiled bowl until double in bulk, about 20 minutes.

Roll out dough, or using hands, push out into a 16 inch circle. Place on a pizza stone or large round baking sheet which has been sprinkled with corn meal, this prevents sticking. Brush dough with remaining olive oil.

Arrange marinated tomatoes over surface, dot with roasted garlic and goat cheese. Bake in a 450°F oven for 15 minutes until crust is golden and tomatoes are bubbly.

Sprinkle with mint and arugula and slice. Serve hot or at room temperature.

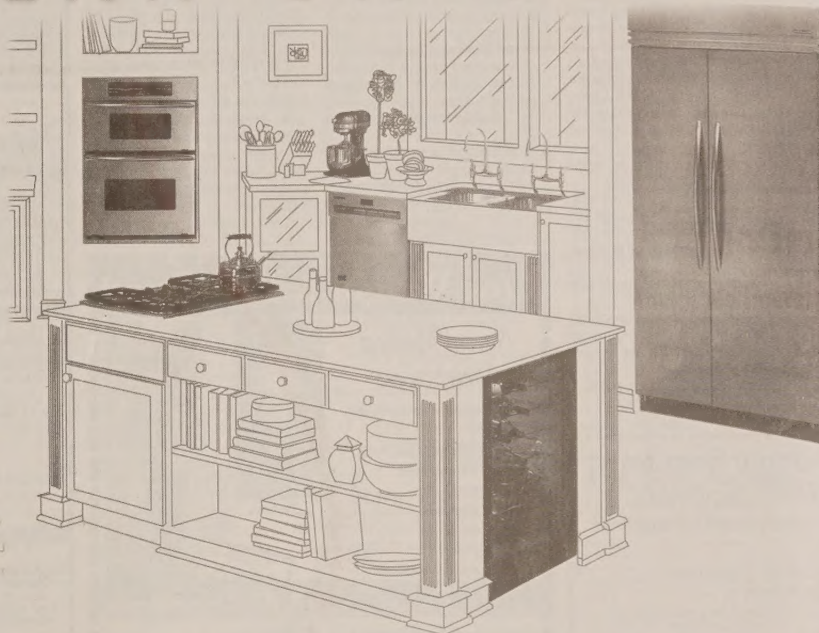
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